

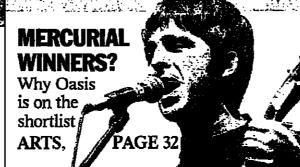
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### Woman MP moves in where even Thatcher could not tread



JACQUI LAIT, MP for Hastings and Rye, broke down one of the remaining male barricades in the Commons yesterday by becoming the first woman to enter the Conservative Whips' Office.

BY JULL SHERMAN

AND PHILIP WEBSTER

John Major made the eye-catching appointment in a limited reshuffle necessitated by the departure of three ministers from the Government. Although there was a widespread welcome last night for Mrs Lait's promotion, Mr Major alarmed the Tory Right by making changes which it felt failed to

balance the pro-European leanings of Kenneth Clarke and his Treasury team. The Prime Minister's rearrangement of Treasury functions left none of the five ministerial posts in the hands of an influential Eurosceptic. At Mr Clarke's request, the vacancy left by David Heathcoat-Amory, who resigned on Monday over the single currency, was filled by his long-time ministerial aide, Phillip Oppenheim.

Rightwingers prospered general-ly in the limited reshuffle, with an important promotion for David Willetts, regarded as one of the Government's rising stars. The big winner was Mrs Lait. Margaret Thatcher never succeeded in her ambition to become a whip and Gillian Shephard was also said to covet entry to this male-only

Mrs Lait, 49, the only female promotion yesterday, becomes the seventh woman in government. Last night she had no qualms about entering an office to which Mrs Thatcher had to be invited as Prime Minister and then only on special

Mrs Lait insisted that she was well used to dealing with men. having two brothers, a husband and five nephews. "I would like to think I am there on ability," she said.

She said that she had worked in the bar at Strathclyde University and part of her job had been throwing out drunken men. "I have always worked in a male environment. I have never found it a problem and I do not expect to this time;" she said.

Mrs Lait married Peter Jones, a company director, in 1974. They have no children. Some time ago she said: "We took a deliberate decision not to have children. We have other things to do."

The other main promotions went to Andrew Mackay, who continued his swift rise through the ranks in the Whips' Office to become Deputy

Chief Whip, Greg Knight, who moves from that post to become Minister of State at the DTI, and John Bowis, who becomes the Transport Minister, moving from the post of Junior Health Minister. Mr Knight and Mr Bowis replace

Tim Eggar and Steve Norris, who

are standing down. In other changes, Simon Burns leaves the Whips' Office to become Health Minister. Liam Fox ends his spell as a whip and becomes a Junior Foreign Office Minister. Ainsworth and Anthony

Coombs join the Whips' Office along with Mrs Lait. Mrs Lait, a pro-European loyal-

ist, entered the Commons in 1992 as MP for Hastings and Rye after a long battle to gain a seat. She has a cheerful, enthusiastic "jolly hockey sticks" approach and has impressed with her loyalist interventions in the Commons, as have the other government newcomers. Her appointment was approved by the entire cast list in the Whips' Office who have a veto over any new entrant.

A former public relations consultant, she ran her own parliamentary consultancy business before becoming an MP.

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# **EU** tries to halt panic on sheep

By Charles Bremner and Michael Hornsby

EUROPEAN officials were trying to smother a "mad sheep" crisis yesterday as livestock markets showed the first signs of panic with a 15 per cent fall in prices.

With ministers insisting that sheep were most unlikely to contract BSE, the Farm Commissioner Franz Fischler came under attack for kindling the latest flare-up in the 'mad cow" saga.

Loyola de Palacio, the Spanish Farm Minister, said that Herr Fischler's statement calling for a ban on some sheep and goat offal had achieved the opposite of his intention of reassuring consumers. "This has provoked unjustified and extremely serious fears," she said. And Ivan Yates, the Irish minister, appealed for a sense of proportion. "It is important to learn the lessons of the last six months with BSE. It is quite easy to strike a match and cause a forest fire with regard to BSE. It is more difficult to put it out."

The Commission decided to

call for a ban on the use of brain, spinal cord and spleen from goats and sheep after scientists in France and Scotland found that some sheep contracted BSE after being fed infected brain tissue from cattle. But there is no evidence



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that sheep on farms had ever been infected. Brussels is acting partly under pressure from the

French Government, whose advisers suspect that BSE is being under-reported and could be affecting a range of animals. France has already banned consumption of brain tissue and has imposed strict rules on the production of animal-based feed.

Now the Commission wants to extend some of the restrictions across the EU, not so much to protect humans as to remove the risk of other animals contracting BSE.

Douglas Hogg, the Agricul-ture Minister, is expected to tell MPs today that Britain is willing to go along with that and yesterday he said there was no need for a lamb crisis "if people are sensible".

The measures proposed by Herr Fischler would merely exclude from the food chain parts of the animal that were not eaten. "I believe that lamb throughout Europe is wholly safe." he said. The only cuts likely to be

affected by a ban would be saddle of lamb, which in-cludes the backbone, the Barnsley chop, which has a section of spine at its centre. and rosette of lamb from the neck. But even these could continue to be produced as usual, since removal of the spinal cord was likely to be required only if the animal was more than a year old and most lambs are slaughtered before that age. Some meat industry and

farmers' leaders agreed that the proposed ban prudent, but even so, lamb prices at British markets fell from £1.14 per kg last week to 96p.

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GUESTS at a royal garden at Buckingham Palace yesterday after three women were struck by lightning (Adam

Fresco writes). Spectacular storms across the South East and Scotland marked the end of the hot dry spell. Scores of people telephoned the emergency services as power supplies to

### Lightning strikes guests at Queen's party

homes were cut. In Bucking-hamshire, huge hailstones were reported.

Fourteen French, Spanish and Italian language students were injured as they played in a park at Richmond Lock, southwest London. One girl with serious leg injuries was taken to a burns unit.

The women at the garden party, given by The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, were taken to St Thomas's Hospital. One woman who sheltered under a plane tree near a lake suffered burns and is believed to have lost consciousness. She was given first aid by a doctor who was among the guests. Her daughter was treated for shock and another woman was treated for bruising after being

ed for shock. The area around the base of the tree was littered with pieces of burnt bark and a large circle of scorched earth surrounded a sapling tree near where the

may have opened her umbrella shortly before the lightning

The Queen, who was taking tea 150 yards away in the Royal Tea Tent, was told of the accident but decided not to cancel the party.

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### Branson's lottery bribe claims rejected by QC

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

RICHARD BRANSON'S allegation that he was offered a bribe to pull out of the contest to run the National Lottery was unequivocally dismissed yesterday by the QC who investigated his allegations.

Anne Rafferty concludes that the American businessman Guy Snowden - one of the partners in the successful Camelot consortium - had no reason to regard the Virgin group as a threat, and she doubts that so experienced a businessman would make an improper overture in the way Mr Branson described. She also points out that

Branson, and she wonders why the Virgin chief took two years to make his concerns public. After a five-month inquiry boycotted by Mr Branson, she concludes: "I am not able to find as a fact that there was any attempt to bribe Mr Richard Branson on Sep-

tember 24." Ms Rafferty's five-page report has been sent to Peter Davis, the Director General of Oflot who set up the inquiry last December, and it is expected to be published within the next few days.

It makes uncomfortable reading for Mr Branson, who is preparing for a High Court confrontation with Mr Snowcontact between the two parwas initiated by Mr

den later this year. Mr Snow-den, chairman of the American company GTech, is suing the Virgin chief for libel for the original bribery allegation made on the BBC Panorama programme last year. And Mr Branson is suing Mr Snowden for accusing him of lying over

the claim. Mr Branson refused to have anything to do with the inquiry on the ground that it was not independent, had a limited remit and was held in private. Ms Rafferty took no oral evidence and reached her conclusions on the basis of written submissions. But the report poses a series of questions

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or is the transport system up the spout?"

### Assault case row

There was a furious reaction from pressure groups when a case against a policeman accused of grabbing the breasts of two women colleagues was halted. The judge said that the officer should have had a "sound ticking-off"..... Page 3

### Spies win licence to appeal over sackings

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

SECURITY and intelligence service employees are to be allowed to appeal to industrial tribunals over cases of wrongful dismissal.

The decision was nounced yesterday by Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, after an extensive review by a Cabinet Office committee of employment practices in MI6, MI5 and GCHQ, the Government's communications headquar-

ters in Cheltenham. But the lifting of the blanket ban on access to tribunals will affect only straightforward claims which do not have operational implications, such as sex discrimination. Mr Rifkind said decisions on whether access to industrial tribunals should be allowed would be taken case by case. A former MI6 officer is currently attempting to sue the intelligence service for wrongful dismissal. However, Mr Rifkind has issued a ministerial certificate banning him from having his case heard by

The certificate was issued because the case allegedly concerned the former officer's competence. An industrial tribunal hearing would have led to discussion of operational

matters. The Foreign Office said that yesterday's announcement had no bearing on his case. which he is expected to take to the European Court of Hu-

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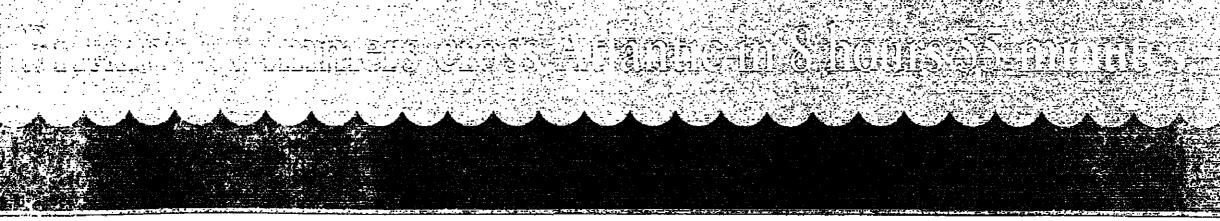
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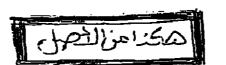
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By JEREMY LAURANCE HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

TIGHTER safeguards on the growing number of non-doctors performing operations and medical procedures were demanded by consultants' leaders yesterday amid fears that risks to patients are

Staff such as nurses and chiropodists are carrying out tasks for which they are not properly trained or supervised, senior doctors said. Patients often do not know they are being treated by a non-doctor and titles such as "specialist practitioner" or "consultant" disguise their

true status. In a report published yesterday.

the Joint Consultants Committee, representing senior doctors in the NHS, says each specialist profes-sion must agree which procedures can be safely delegated to non-doctors and draw up guidelines on training and supervision.

Privately, consultants say pa-tients are suffering at the hands of poorly trained and inadequately supervised staff. Vascular surgeons report having to amputate toes and feet after operations by chiropodists have gone wrong.

Although the operation itself may appear simple, chiropodists have failed to spot warning signs of poor circulation caused by heart disease which dramatically increase the risks of surgery.

chairman of the committee, said he supported moves to extend the role of nurses and paramedical staff to include minor surgery and other procedures but there was a limit. He described as "unwise" the case last year in which Valerie Tomlinson, a nurse at Treliske hospital in Cornwall, was able to remove a patient's appendix.

"In a third or more cases a person who appears to have appendicitis has something else wrong. It might be a perforated duodenum or a problem with the bowel. "A nurse may be able to lift up

the appendix and snip it off but she may not be able to deal with these other complications. The whole

purpose of a surgeon's training is not solely to enable them to perform a particular procedure more skilfully than a non-medically qualified person but to ensure that they can anticipate and deal with complications and the unex-pected. We are concerned to ensure that patient safety is paramount,"

However, the recent case of Gillian Erickson, a nurse at Clatterbridge hospital, Wirral who has performed more than 200 minor operations on the hand could be acceptable if the surgery was carried out in accordance with the safeguards, he said.

Sir Norman added that delegating tasks such as these was probably necessary to meet the growing demand for health care, but it was essential that staff were properly trained and supervised, followed firm protocols and made their status known to the patient,

Sir Rodney Sweetnam, president of the Royal College of Surgeons. said no other country in Europe allowed surgery to be undertaken by non-medically qualified staff and that in Britain animals enjoyed greater protection than

"Animals are protected from operations on their hodies by anyone other than a fully trained erinary surgeon. I am sorry to say that patients in this country do

not have the same protection." He denied that surgeons were trying to protect their jobs and said nurses trained to assist cardiac surgeons or to perform minor operations were perfectly acceptable. It helps a hard-pressed workforce."

However, he said that groups were taking up the scalpel without nationally agreed training programmes or certification and that rules should be laid down by Parliament. There is a developing jungle out there and the time has come for the public to say whether they want only surgeons to operate on them.

The UK Central Council on Nursing criticised the consultants for failing to include nurses in producing their document which they dubbed a "missed oppor-

tunity" The Society of Chiropodists said 10,000 foot operations were per-formed by its members last year and a similar number of surgical

procedures on nails. In a statement, the society rejected the idea of tasks being "delegated" to chiropodists but said they were prepared to work with

doctors. The statement added: "We reject any implication being given to the public that they are in any danger from surgical treatment performed by appropriately trained and exam-ined, state-registered chiropodists and podiatrists."

### Winning cards in Prime Minister's reshuffled pack



PHILLIP OPPENHEIM, the Junior Minister at Trade and Industry, will be picking up David Heathcoat-Amory's red boxes and chauffeurdriven car every night. He has collected the new title of Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury. In the runup to the election, the job is unlikely to be taxing, but Mr Oppenheim will be mollified by working for his hero. Kenneth Clarke, who shares his enjoyment of beer and curries. The Chancellor specifically asked for Mr Oppenheim, who will toe his line on Europe, Better known for his exploits with Page Three girls, chronicled in the tabloid press, he also has a masterly command of technical detail. He surprised everyone by win-ning Amber Valley in 1983 at the age of 27 and was immediately marked out as a Tory Wunderkind. But the blue-chip, well-connected MP has irritated many in his party with his laddish behaviour and his refusal. even at 40, to grow up. He calls his dog Vomit and has just finished writing a "bonkbuster" novel. He won the title of most romantic MP of



DAVID WILLETTS, the Prime Minister's guru and Public Service Minister, got the greatest reward from the reshuffle. Until now few voters had heard of Mr Willetts. Nicknamed the thinker among the drinkers, he has always been a backroom boy. He was an adviser to Margaret Thatcher, private secretary to Nigel Lawson and director of the Centre for Policy Studies, the Tory think-tank, before becoming MP for Havant. Hampshire, at 33. As a backbencher and junior minister he has been at the heart of Tory strategy. After an unhappy spell in the whips office, he has thrived as a iunior minister in the Cabinet Office. Brought up in a semi-detached home in Moseley, Birmingham, and educated at a direct-grant school and Oxford, he has friends on both sides of the party. Some colleagues have criticised the donnish 40-year-old for being pompous, unworldly and ambitious. Friends say he is a practical, political intellect who dreams of becoming Chancellor of



ANDREW MACKAY'S elevation to Deputy Chief Whip is the latest in a string of promotions for the former estate agent. Now the most experienced whip in John Major's team, he is a silver-tongued charmer intent on snuffing out backbench rebellion at the outset. The unflappable rightwinger has been admired for his guile in helping the Government to survive endless threatened revolts. Most recently as pairing whip he has spun a web of persuasion to encourage Tory MPs to protect a dwindling majority. Even MPs forced to break social engagements to bail out the Government speak highly of his tactics. He rose still higher in their estimation with a persuasive case to the Senior Salaries Review Body, which recommended a 26 per cent rise. He has become the archetypal senior whip, gliding through the tearooms and bars, ears attuned to the faintest signal of rebellion, eyes peeled for suspiciouslooking cliques. His year-round tan - reinforced by perpetual foreign travel and a congested golfing diary

— is a talking point of the lobbies.



JOHN BOWIS, the new junior Transport Minister, could hardly be in starker physical contrast to Sir George Young, the Transport Secre-tary, who is the tallest MP in the Commons. Known as "Bulky" to political friends, Mr Bowis, 50, is a stalwart of the Commons tug-of-war team and a curry addict. Political opponents have dubbed the duo the Laurel and Hardy of Whitehall. Elected MP for Battersea in 1987. he replaced the former Labour minister Alf Dubs and was quickly marked out for promotion. He was made a parliamentary private secretary to David Hunt by Margaret Thatcher in 1989. He has been a Junior Health Minister since 1993, earning a reputation for being solid and reliable and performing well in the Commons. Gregarious and outgoing, he was a star of the Blue Review, a former feature of Tory party conferences, being described as "a gifted comic actor" by a theatre critic. Educated at Tonbridge School and Brasenose College, Ox-ford, he is married with three

Greg Knight

David Willetts

Phillip Oppenheim Liam Fox

John Bowls

Simon Burns

Andrew Mackay

Derek Conway

Patrick McLoughlin

Roger Knapman

Richard Ottaway

Anthony Coombs Jacqui Lait Peter Ainsworth



GREG KNIGHT'S departure from the Government whips' office will be a relief to Tory MPs of the rebellious tendency. Mr Knight, 47, the new Minister of State at the Department of Trade and Industry, is the author of a book of parliamentary insults. He learnt most of them in his period as Deputy Chief Whip where he was one of the most feared men in the Government, He is a quick learner. When he entered the Commons in 1983 he had impressed Margaret Thatcher as the creator of prescient campaign song, Maggie will always be around. The admiration dimmed when she met him and found he sported a beard. A former drummer in a pop group, he once used the amplifiers from a recording studio he ran to drown out a political opponent's speech. An avowed animal rights campaigner, he owned two Brazilian squirrel monkeys until 1988. He is best known as a collector of classic cars, and is believed to-have been a key influence in persuading the Chancellor to introduce tax concessions for cars more than 25 vears old.

### Openness pledge on defence sales

The Government promised yesterday to be more open about Britain's overseas defence sales after criticism in Sir Richard Scott's report into the arms-for-Iraq affair (Michael Evans writes). Sir Richard urged the Ministry of Defence to review the longstanding policy under which successive governments have refused to answer questions in Parliament about defence equipment exports.

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Yesterday James Arbuthnot, the Defence Procurement Minister, said that the convention would be scrapped and questions would be answered "to the fullest extent possible. But, he attached conditions that made clear there was no dramatic policy shift, saying full details would be given provided they did not jeopardise "national security, the legitimate security concerns of importers, or British relations with other countries".

☐ David Clark, Opposition spokesman on defence, called on Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, to make a Commons statement today about three RAF equipment contracts worth about £3.5 billion.

### Talks on loyalist march

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, held talks with leaders of the loyalist Apprentice Boys as fears increased that their annual parade in Londonderry next month could cause trouble. The local MP, John Hume, leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party. is also to have talks with the Apprentice Boys. Republicans are intent on having the parade, on August 10, routed away from the city walls overlooking the nationalist Bogside.

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### Job qualification alert

Job-related qualifications taken by more than a million people could never be successful in their present form and should be scrapped, a leading government education adviser said in a report yesterday (David Charter writes). John Marks, a member of the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, said that National Vocational Qualifications had failed because they still lacked rigorous standards eight years after their launch.

### Driving 'reform school'

An experimental road safety scheme giving dangerous drivers the chance to escape punishment by attending tough rehabilitation sessions in the classroom could be extended throughout the country. Transport Ministers are monitoring a project run by Devon council, which has resulted in dramatic improvements in driving standards. Drivers caught speeding or driving carelessly in Devon can opt for the course rather than go to court.

### Wallace appeal begins

Colin Wallace, a former Army information officer, began an appeal against a conviction for manslaughter, 15 years after being jailed for killing an antiques dealer. Mr Wallace, freed in 1986, has claimed he was the victim of a "dirty tricks" campaign after speaking about an alleged right-wing plot to discredit certain politicians. Michael Mansfield, QC, cited fresh medical opinion, saying the case against Mr Wallace was "fundamentally flawed".

### Woman beaten to death

A woman has been found beaten to death in her bedsit at Newquay, Cornwall. Kathryn Sharples, 43, who was divorced, was found lying face down in the ground-floor bathroom. She had been struck several times on the back of the head with a blunt instrument. There was no sign of a struggle or sexual assault and detectives believe that she may have known her killer. She was last seen alive at 10.30pm on Sunday.

### Sun-proof road tested

Government scientists are testing a sun-resistant road surface capable of withstanding the hottest British summers. They hope that the improved "bitumous macadam", designed to stay solid at temperatures of up to 65c (145F), will consign the embarrassment of melting motorways to history. In very hot weather molten tar tends to bubble to the surface. Cars leave deep ruts in the softened road costing millions of pounds to repair.

### More red kites released

The reintroduction of the red kite to England 100 years after it all but disappeared continued yesterday as the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds released 16 into the wild at a secret location in the middle of the country.

Last year 11 of the birds of prey were released in the Midlands, and of these nine have survived. One was poisoned - a reminder of the way the birds were persecuted in the last century.

### 'Sex tourism' legislation

British paedophiles who abuse children abroad will face prosecution in the United Kingdom under proposed legislation announced by the Home Secretary. The move comes amid concern over paedophiles who travel to countries such as Thailand and the Philippines for sex with child prostitutes. Michael Howard also announced plans to extend court powers to try foreign extremists resident in Britain who plan or incite crimes abroad.

### Ice Age elephant find

An Ice Age elephant has been unearthed in Cambridge shire by an amateur geologist. The remains of the animal, which is between 110,000 and 120,000 years old, was found in a gravel pit near Peterborough close to a spot where other archaeologists are working on a Bronze Age site. The prehistoric find, of a straight-tusked elephant or Palaeoloxodon antiquas, has been made by Pauline Dawn, an editorial assistant from Stamford, Lincolnshire.



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Treasury Lord Commissioner of Her Majesty's

The new posts in John Major's government reshuffle

Continued from page 1 which Mr Branson would have been required to answer had he co-operated.

First, she asks whether the words reportedly used by Mr Snowden at a lunch party inevitably suggested a bribe. Mr Snowden is is alleged to have said: "Well, I don't know how to phrase this, Richard. There is always a bottom line. I'll get to the point. In what way can I help you Richard? I'm sure everybody needs something." Mr Branson took this to be a bribe to withdraw his bid to run the lottery.

Second, the report questions whether the bribe attempt would have been made by Mr Snowden who was alone at the meeting, while Mr Branson was at all times accompanied by an aide or colleague. It asks: "How likely is it that an experienced businessman would make such an attempt when unaccompanied, whilst the object of his attempt clearly had an ally with him? "

Thirdly, the report asks why it took Mr Branson so long to come forward with the allegations. "Why did it take two years for a concerned Mr Branson, disappointed as I conceive him to be by his claimed failure to interest the Director-General (of Oflot) in the allegation, to air his anxieties publicly?"

Ms Rafferty writes: "I have heard nothing by way of explanation for the queries that I list above, and am therefore in a position to do no more than highlight them as instances of questions to which I would have appreciat-

She then goes on to make four points in concluding that there was no reason for a bribe. There was no hint that the Camelot consortium felt Mr Branson to be a threat; the initial contact between the two parties came from Mr Branson, not from G Tech; the Camelot consortium had devoted years to developing its bid; and Mr Snowden's more realistic view of the "financial realities" of lottery management seemed to have prevailed.

According to Mr Snowden, who submitted written evidence to the inquiry, the lunch meeting between the two men was "an awkward occasion, charactised ... by Mr Branson's inability or refusal to grasp the realities of the Camelot Consortium's advanced state of readiness" and "carefully planned back-up".

Mr Snowden also believed that Mr Branson's showed a lack of awareness that "the giving of a high percentage of profits to charity was a naive assertion which missed the point of the way the lottery would be organised."

The report adds: "At no stage, he avers, was he made anxious that what he saw as Camelors prime position in contention for the lottery licence was threatened."

Last night Mr Branson's office said that he was abroad. His lawyers, Harbottle & Lewis, said that they would issue a statement when the report was published. Earlier this year, a Virgin spokesman said that the issue would be properly investigated in the High Court



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The three-year-old boy

### Hunt for mother of boy found in bush

By JOANNA BALE

POLICE are trying to trace the mother of a three-year-old boy who was found asleep under a bush in Bournemouth after apparently being abandoned.

The boy, who may be called Steven, was found by a passer-by at 7pm on Monday in the grounds of a community centre at Pelham Park, Kinson. Dorset police said yes-

terday: "He has mentioned the town of Hemel Hempstead, so we have been in contact with police there, but no child has been reported missing." Foster parents are caring Officer accused of grabbing women constables 'should have had just a sound ticking-off'

Outcry as judge halts

# police sex assault case

THE case against a policeman accused of grabbing the breasts of two female constables was halted yesterday by a judge who said that the officer should have had a "sound ticking-off" instead

There was a furious reaction from pressure groups and MPs after Judge McCallum directed the jury to find PC Robert Bridle, 41, not guilty of three charges of indecent assault. The group Justice for Women urged him to resign.
The judge said that PC
Bridle's actions had stemmed

from the sort of behaviour "that people are liable to indulge in when there is a lot of tension around". A verdict of not guilty was also returned on another indecent assault charge, due to be heard at a

separate hearing.

Lynne Tolan, the former detective chief inspector who investigated the case, condemned the judge's comments as "biased, crass, prejudicial and outdated". After the hearing at Bradford Crown Court, she said: "The message could rightly be concluded as, 'Join Britain's modern police service, girls - and get your tits groped."

West Yorkshire Police said they would be "robustly pursuing further action against PC Bridle, who has been suspended for nearly two years. Judge McCallum was told



Lynne Tolan, the police investigator, said that Judge McCallum's comments were crass and biased

common at the Halifax station where the officers were based.

PC Bridle, of Cleckheaton, Yorkshire, who is married, had denied the four charges. The first incident was alleged to have occurred in September 1994 after another male officer made a joke about a WPC having bigger breasts than a colleague. The WPC, who cannot be named, said that PC Bridle had said something like

She told the court: "He came up behind me. I put my head forward and my hands over me — I was protecting myself. He put his hands underneath my hands and held on to my breasts." John Cooper, for the

during the opening day of the case on Monday that horse-play and sexual banter were assaulted another policewoman the following month by sitting astride her with his pelvis on hers. She believed he was trying to kiss her. On another occasion he put his hand between the officer's jumper and shirt and rested it

> PC Bridle told investigators that he had never touched the first WPC. He did not find her physically attractive because she looked like a buildog

on her right breast. She made a complaint the next day.

chewing a wasp".

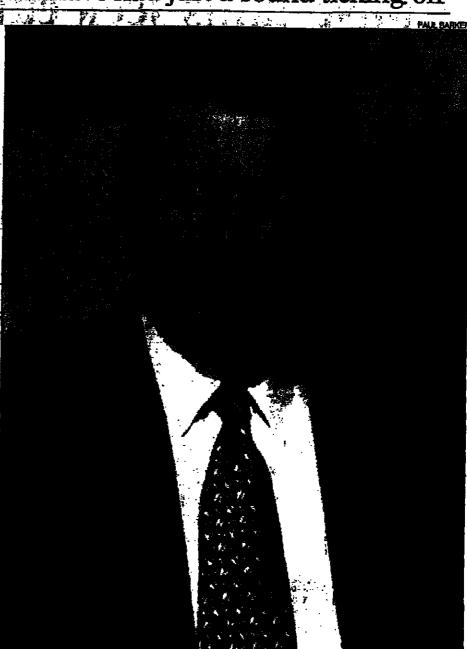
He admitted massaging the second officer's neck and may have sat astride her in "a jokey sort of way", but said there

served by airing what goes on in busy police stations ... the appropriate way to deal with him, is his superior officer to give him a sound ticking off to make sure be doesn't behave find unacceptable. It is the sort of behaviour people are likely to indulge in when there is a

The judge directed the jury to deliver not guilty verdicts after the prosecution offered no further evidence yesterday

morning.
Ruth Hell, of Women Against Rape, said: "If the police are allowed to get away with sex assaults on their own

Alice Mahon, Labour MP for Halifax, said: "Many women will be shocked at this. We expect our judges to take that kind of behaviour a little more seriously.



### Brittany murder victim had been stalked for days

FROM BILL FROST IN PLEINE FOUGERES

THE tramp accused of raping and murdering 13-year-old Caroline Dickinson at a youth bostel in Brittany had stalked they arrived in France.

named the killer as Patrice they gave detectives a detailed 40s. He has a conviction for rape and a history of other violent sexual offences.

Gerard Zaug, the examining magistrate in charge of the case, said that, once the party from Launceston College in Cornwall had been targeted by Pade, the murder was inevitable. "From the moment this man saw his prey, nothing could stop him."

Caroline's four room-mates woke last Thursday at the find her body, face down on her mattress. She had been raped and suffocated. M Zaug said that her friends had heard nothing during the night because Pade had clamped his hand over her mouth. He added that her room-mates had also told police that they were particularly tired that evening. "They were sound asleep; it had been

an exhausting day." Pade arrived in the town, 40 miles east of St Malo, 48 hours before the party from Launceston. He watched the hostel for four days before he struck. Under French fire safety laws. the building must remain unlocked at night. Pade apparwoman and entering the firstfloor bedroom where Caroline

Pade had been noticed by er school party from the day children in Pleine Fougeres soon after his arrival. Once Last night police sources. Caroline's body was found

was arrested in Sourdeval, 35 miles east of Pleine Fougères, on Saturday afternoon after a policeman saw him walking on a road south of the town. Detectives investigating Caroline's murder arrived half an hour later and Pade confessed to his

crime soon afterwards. We got him very quickly after being told that he was heavily tattooed and wearing an earring," M Zaug said. "He had been seen sleeping rough around Pleine Fougeres."

Pade was transferred vester day from his cell in St Malo to a high-security jail that police would not name. Earlier he underwent further questioning and formally admitted his

His trial may be several months off, M Zaug indicated last night. Police sources said that, given his previous con-victions for sexual offences, "a life sentence in his case will really mean life".

In Pleine Fougeres, Lionel Morin, owner of the Hotel des Voyagers, said: "We hope this man's arrest and admission of guilt will be of some relief to Caroline's poor family."

### Clubs told to end free drink ads for women

By Carol Midgley NIGHTCLUBS that offer

free admission and drinks to women are breaking the law, the Equal Opportunities Commission said yesterday. Three clubs in Stoke on-Trent have been told to

pagne and "free admission to all ladies". The Radio Authority ordered their removal after consulting the commis-sion. The authority said: "We did receive complaints about three adverts. As a matter of course we consult the Equal Opportunities Commission in such matters and it told us the ads discriminated against men. The

Becky Nathan, assistant manager of the Uropa, one of the clubs that ran the adverhad any complaints. We wanted to balance out the sexes as well as attract more couples, so it seemed a natuupset to be told we cannot do it. But we will carry on offering free admission or

offers have to apply to men as

free drinks to avoid having too many men here — we simply won't advertise it.
"No men complained. After all, it attracted more women, so why should they? And for couples it meant one of them got in for nothing."

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### ently had little difficulty slip-ping past the night watch-**Barclays bomber threatens** to hit Sainsbury's stores

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

A BOMBER who has waged a campaign against Barclays Bank has threatened to plant explosive devices at Sainsbury's supermarkets in an attempt to extort "a considerable amount of money", Scot-land Yard said yesterday. Shoppers and staff at the

company's 363 branches are being warned to be on their guard against bullet bombs among goods on the shelves or in car parks. The supermarket chain,

used by 8.7 million shoppers a week, has increased security at its stores, which were already patrolled at night by security guards and employ closed circuit television cameras inside and out. : The extortionist, the self-

styled Mardi Gra bomber, e jended the range of his 19-month campaign in a letter to a Sainsbury's director at the head office in south London on

July 10. In the letter, the bomber demanded a "considerable amount of money" and threat-



bullets in boxes or books

ened to post explosive devices to supermarkets, or place them there if the cash was not paid. There was no bomb with the letter.

immediately Sainsbury's contacted the Metropolitan Police, who made the unusual decision in attempted blackmail cases to release details to the public in an attempt to

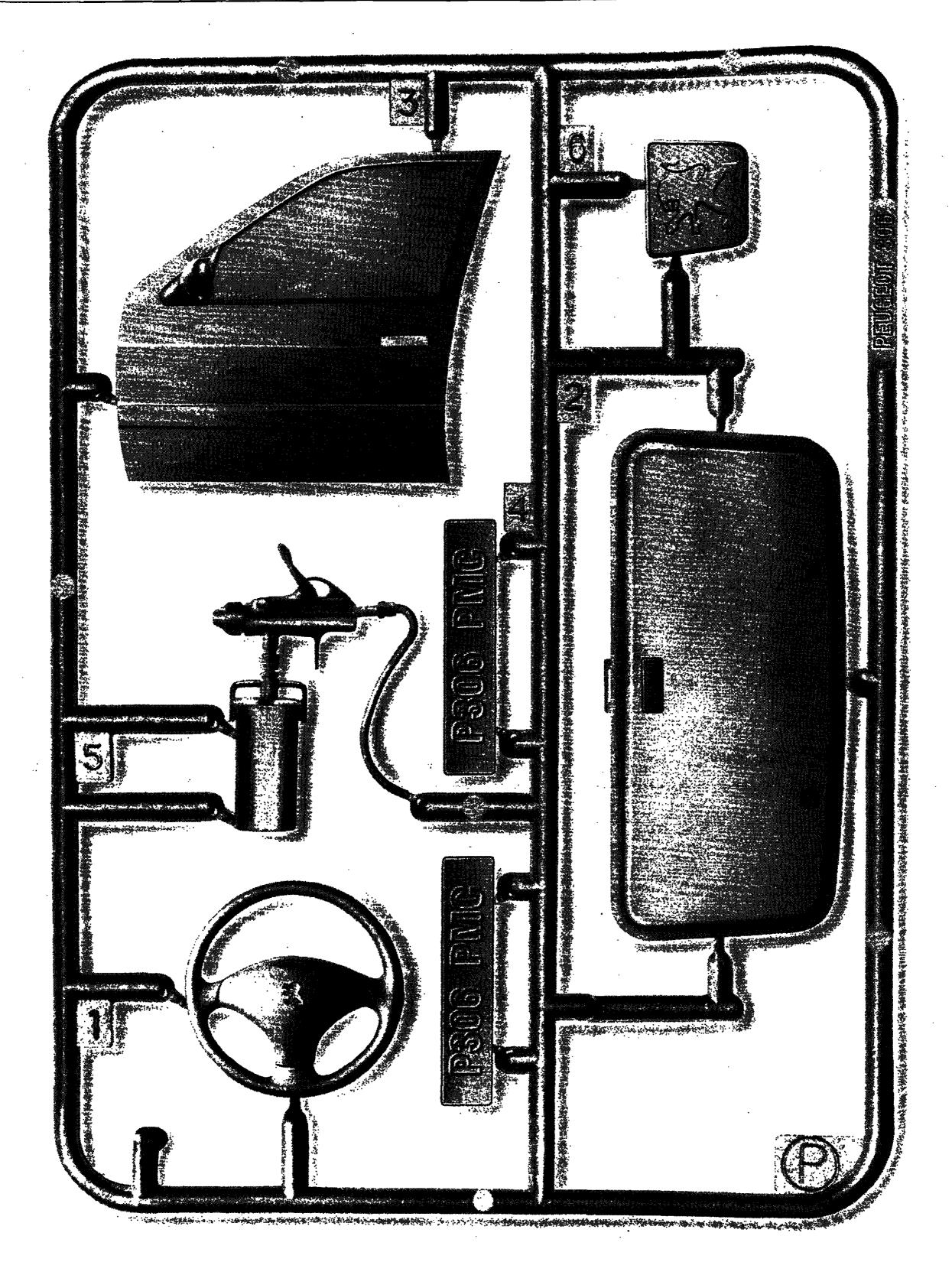
catch the extortionist. Detective Superintendent John Beadle, who is leading the hunt, said he was confrom the same person respon-sible for 25 attacks on Barclays banks or officials that began in December 1994. He declined to disclose how much cash the man had demanded. Mr Beadle told a press conference at Scotland Yard

that police believed that the blackmailer was a person rather than an organisation, living in London or the South East. "We think it is likely it is somebody who is some sort of obsessive and has the time and ability to construct these

He said the "bullet bombs". consisting of shotgun cartridges and bullets fitted into video boxes and books, and designed to explode when opened, had been made with

Last night Dino Adriano, eputy chief executive of Sainsbury's supermarkets, said that the police advice was that the risk was low. He added: "We are naturally taking a number of extra security





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### Kathy Botham says sex and drug claims made her life hell

HER voice straining with emotion. Kathy Botham ves-terday told a High Court jury of the "hell" she had endured as old allegations of sex, drugs and adultery against her hus-hand had resurfaced. Giving evidence in Jan

Botham's libel action against Imran Khan, the former Pakistan cricket captain, Mrs Botham told the jury that she had no idea why the issues had been raised.

Asked by Charles Gray, QC, for Botham and his England team-mate Allan Lamb, whether she had enjoyed the case so far, she said:
"No. I have found it quite traumatic." She said it took her back to the 1980s when, for five or six years, their mar-

riage was in the spotlight. leasant then. In fact, it was hell to live with. I think I went through hell last week as well. especially when I opened the papers the next day.

Mrs Botham said that she

was proud of what her husband of 20 years had achieved during his playing career. Botham, she said, had been "fuming" when he read articles suggesting that he cheated at cricket and was a racist. Lamb's wife. Lindsay, told the court that Lamb had

written an article about alleged ball-tampering by the Pakistani team because he wanted the truth to come out. Trembling and tearful, she hit the side of the witness bux and said: "Lambie was not motivated by racism or anything like that. Can you imagine how I lelt when my six-yearold daughter came home from school and asked 'Mummy, why doesn't Daddy like black

Referring to an earlier libel action in which her husband was involved. Mrs Lamb said: I had four days of that and this is another seven days I have been listening to balls." David Gower, the former

England captain, said that he

had never considered Botham a racist. He said video footage of Botham during the 1982 Test against Pakistan appeared to show him pushing the ball back into shape with his thumbs, which Gower considered to be legal. George Carman, QC, open-

ing the case for Imran, said that attempts by his client to offer an olive branch to the two men had been rejected because they had their knives out for him. It was, Mr Carman told the

jury, "a thousand pities that these great warriors of sport could not make their peace and shake hands. But, he said, it was not to be. "I invite you to consider who offered the hand of friendship and who shunned it."

Imran, he said, had offered a golden upportunity of settling the issue by writing a letter to The Times making clear that he had never called the plaintiffs racist or accused Botham of cheating. The letter



Ian Botham with his wife Kathy, who said yesterday that the case has upset her

ball-tampering. Imran. who

denies libel, says his words were taken out of context.

land captain, will miss net

practice at Lord's today when

the rest of the team prepares

would have said that he had been seriously misquoted in an interview he had given to the magazine India Today. "Unhappily his attempts at reconciliation failed."

Mr Carman told the jury that he had engaged in st-called muckraking about Botham's past to show that he had lied publicly when he had denied taking drugs. Botham and Lamb claim

that the India Today article for the Test against Pakistan, called them racist, uneducated starting tomorrow. and lacking in class and upbringing. Botham is also

After attending an early morning engagement at 10 Downing Street, where the suing over a story in The Sun which he says accused him of Prime Minister will announce government sporting initiatives, Atherton will go to the High Court to give evidence before joining his colleagues. Michael Atherton, the Eng-The hearing continues.

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### **Protesters** save Joyce home from demolition

By Audrey Magee

PROTESTS from James Jovee scholars around the world have saved a house in home of the author.

No 2 Millbourne Avenue, which stands in a large garden in Drumcondra, a northern suburb, was to have been knocked down to make way for flats. After objections from local residents and James Joyce societies, the developers have agreed to spare the building. Joyce lived there between

the ages of 10 and 12, and refers to it in the autobio-graphical novel A Portrait of the Artist a Young Man. The Joyce family originally lived in Bray, about 12 miles south of Dublin, but moved to Dramcondra when they fell into debt. Joyce's mother had 12 children and the youngest, Freddie, was born in the rambling home. They moved

again many times. The building has suffered vandalism since plans to demolish it were first lodged 12



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### Beethoven 'set his bad heart to music'

BY NICK NUTTALL

SOME of Beethoven's greatest music, including the Eroica symphony, might have been inspired by a hitherto unknown heart condition brought on by heavy drinking. a cardiologist

Professor Berndt Luderitz, who has studied passages of the composer's music. believes the sound of Beethoven's irregularly beating heart became an important influence, heightened by his deafness. Beethoven (1770-1827) began to lose his hearing in the late 1790s and by 1819 could converse only through a notebook.

Medical researchers who have been studying the composer's autopsy reports have concluded that Beethoven died from kidney failure complicated by liver damage from excessive drinking.

Professor Luderitz, of Bonn University, thinks Beethoven. who wrote striking and varied rhythms, also had a heart condition that he drew on when composing: "We know he was a drinker with a big consumption of punch and wine, and alcohol produces ventricular arrhythmias. Because of his deafness, he perceived his cardiac disorders more intensely and set these cardiac rhythm distur-bances to music." He cites Beethoven's piano sonata Opus 81a, Les Adieux, whose offbeats might have echoed the heart condition that the composer might have had.

The findings were given credence yesterday by the music historian H.C. Robbins Landon, a leading authority on Beethoven. It is speculation, but I think this is quite possible. When you are deaf, your heart is one thing you will listen to." He said that Les Adieux, written in 1809 for a prince who left Vienna while it was bombarded by the French, was "always stopping and starting. This is a very curious piece; indeed, it n ght have been the first sign that Beethoven knew something was wrong with him." Mr Robbins Landon said Beethoven had an array of rhythmic styles. "This is espe-

cially the case in the Eroica |the Third Symphony| in 1804.



Beethoven: he used offbeat rhythms

You get these odd, offbeat, hammer strokes. If you were running up a hill with a heart problem, this is the kind of thing you might be listening to in your mind's eye." Beethoven's rhythms be-

came more complex later in his composing life, something that might reflect a worsening heart condition. The heartheat has always

been part of music. Before the invention of the metronome, composers used their pulserates to check tempi Dr Barry Cooper, a music-

ologist at Manchester University and author of Beethoven: The Creative Process, said Berlioz had used the human heartbeat in his Symphonie Fantastique. In Stravinsky's The Rite of Spring, the tension is heightened by an insistent rhythm that suggests

a disordered heartbeat. Dr Cooper said it was clear that the heart was also important to Beethoven, and cited "heart-like rhythms" in the dungeon scene that opens Act Il of his only opera, Fidelio, before Florestan's great aria. The tempo of some of his songs is 70 beats a minute, the

thud of a resting heart. But Dr Cooper is sceptical about whether Beethoven's music echoes a sick heart or is dominated by heart-related beats: The heartbeat is a fairly straightforward rhythm so composers will use it even if they are not trying to represent the heart. They might occasionally want to use the beat of the heart because the text refers to the human heart"

# Would you have forgotten so quickly if she was your child?

We all saw the images of the Rwandan war in our newspapers and on our television screens: traumatised toddlers, children dazed by the killing they had seen, bewildered at finding themselves alone. We wondered whether we'd ever be able to sleep at night; if we'd ever stop thinking, 'What if that was my child?' One year on, most of us have forgotten. One year on, Bibia's war is not over.

that her mother has been

able to return there.

When Bibia was flung 'place of heavy military onto a truck full of activity, and it is unlikely panicking people last year, she screamed for her mum. Having been driven away from the terror and slaughter of the Kibeho Refugee Camp, she realised her mother wasn't there. At five years old she was alone in the middle of a war.

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the Children (Europe)) in the wake of the Kibeho Refugee Camp massacre.

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their own to care for them. Children's Aid Direct has now reunited 665 Rwandan children with the people they love. They are still looking for the families of hundreds more children.

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### Schools urged to shift focus from losers to great Scots

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

SCOTTISH history lessons dwell too much on heroic failures and gloss over the nation's great achievements, a governmentbacked report claims. Schoolchildren are being taught a distorted version of their coun-

try's past which concentrates on defeated romantic figures, such as William Wallace and the Jacobites. As a result many pupils leave school with a negative view of Scottish history, largely ignorant of the rich legacy of thinkers and

Consultative Council on the Curriculum — which advises schools raises concerns that some children have only a limited understanding of key events. The authors believe part of the problem is that not enough teachers have studied Scottish history, which was viewed as a "second class" subject up until the

The view of history as a series of heroic defeats is one that the Scottish Secretary, Michael Forsyth, highlighted in April when he criticised the preoccupation with "loser" William Wallace over the more successful Robert the Bruce. The resurgence of interest in all things Scottish, inspired in part by Hollywood's "tartan" movies, has prompted the review which calls for a more balanced curriculum. with more emphasis on the nation's social and cultural achievements.

Up to the age of 14, the subject matter of history lessons is left largely to the judgment of individual teachers. The 3712 hours a year devoted to history tend to focus on topics such as the Second World War and the Jacobite rebellion, the report claims. Because only 35 per cent of pupils choose to take the

subject at Standard Grade — the Scottish equivalent of GCSEs many leave the system with only a sketchy knowledge of their country's past.

At Standard Grade the report highlights some good practice, but suggests that the range of topics may still be too narrow. David Duncan, secretary to the

working group, acknowledges that the focus on "romantic" stories of the past is understandable lower down the school when children may not be able to grasp more complex philosphical ideas. But he said: "Certain topics might be

receiving a disproportionate emphasis. That does not mean that events such as the Jacobites or the Viking raids should not be taught. but there needs to be more of a halance between those and other parts of the curriculum."

He claims there is room within the current framework to shift the emphasis to more positive topics, such as the Scottish Enlightenment. During the 18th century philosophers such as Voltaire looked to Edinburgh and great thinkers such as David Hume and Adam Smith for direction. This century Scotland has been respon-

inventions, such as television and the telephone.

Dr Richard Findlay, history lecturer at the University of Strathclyde, says the review is important because perceptions of the past shape a country's identity. "There is a sort of negative perception of Scottish history, not so much among historians, but the general

"If you ask the ordinary man in the street what the key events are. he will say Bannockburn, Mary Queen of Scots, the Union, and the Jacobite failure and he'll probably finish off with Argentina 1978 [the World Cup]. The high points don't immediately jump out," Dr

Findlay said. What he calls the "recent renaissance" in historical academic thinking has not yet filtered down to schools and this is something the review group hopes to address through teacher training. "It is not a question of promoting a triumphalist view of Scottish hist ory, it is more to do with gaining a balance between the high and low

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### **Explorers claim** glacier as true source of Amazon

By NICK NUTTALL

THE source of the Amazon. long debated by geographers. is an underground glacier in the southern Peruvian Andes, an international team of scientists claimed yesterday.

A nine-day investigation has pinpointed an icy creek called Apachita crevice, which is 16,958ft above sea level near the city of Arequipa and about 625 miles from the Peruvian capital, Lima.

Opinions differ on the source of the river, which carries a fifth of the world's flowing water into the Atlantic. Encylopaedia Britannica pins it at 15.875ft at a small lake called Lauricocha. In 1971 an expedition by the National Geographic Society

near the Bolivian border. The new source, found by a team led by the Polish explorer and scientist Dr Jacek Palkiewicz, is close to the one identified by the society's

team, but a few feet higher. Yesterday John Hemming, director of the Royal Geographical Society in London and an Amazonian explorer, said the latest source, in one of the remotest parts of the country, was probably the most accurate. He said that

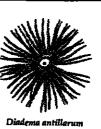


the debate focused on how one defined the source of a big river. Some consider the source to be the highest point at which the waters feeding i are located, while others believe it should be the place furthest from the mouth.

Another view points to the river or lake which contributes the most water to the

But Dr Hemming added: "Most people would say distance is the one that really matters, in which case the Poles are on to the right one. considering distance from the

He said the site was the headwater of a river called the Apurimac which becomes the Ucayali. It joins with the Marañon Amazon.





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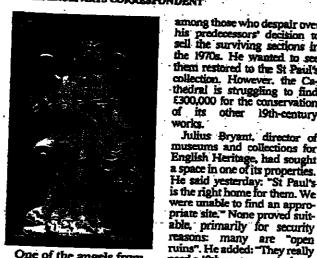
DELICATELY carved marble cherubs and angels with gilded wings that formed part of a magnificent 19th-century high altar at St Paul's Cathedral were exported to America yesterday after attempts to save them for the nation

The sculptures, recognised by clergymen and scholars as an integral part of St Paul's history, will be loaned for ten years to Baker University in Baldwin City, near Kansas City, because the Cathedral has been unable to raise the £740,000 needed to save them. English Heritage also failed to find an appropriate site to take them on loan.

The marble sculptures were among 17 that survived from the white marble reredos designed in the early 1880s by George Frederick Bodley. Part of it was destroyed during the

The marbles are owned by John Brandler, a dealer from Brentwood, Essex. He bought them from the Cathedral in 1978 for what is believed to be a four-figure sum because they had been dismissed as unfashionable 19th-century objects that did not fit Sir Christopher Wren's vision of St Paul's. He is not profiting from the deal with Baker University, but wanted the marbles to be displayed, something that was not pos-

sible to arrange in Britain. Yesterday Mr Brandler expressed disbelief that the National Heritage Depart-



ment" had granted the St

Paul's marbles an export li-cence. The thing that has

annoyed me is that the Gov-

ernment is refusing export licences on the Guercino painting, which has absolutely

no core relationship to England. Why aren't they keeping

things that are part of Eng-

land's heritage?

He added that the loan is

£30,000 in transport costs

alone: "It appreciates them

and knows people will come to

see them. Kansas City is falling over itself to have these

sculptures. It is putting our so-

called Heritage Department

Canon John Halliburton,

the Chancellor of St Paul's, is

to shame."

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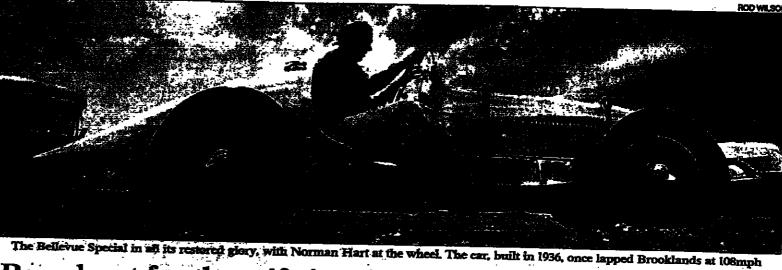
collection. However, the Ca-thedral is struggling to find £300,000 for the conservation of its other 19th-century WORKS. Julius Bryant, director of museums and collections for English Heritage, had sought a space in one of its properties. He said yesterday: "St Paul's is the right home for them. We were unable to find an appro-priate site. None proved suit-

> need a 19th-century ecclesiastical setting."
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> Baker University, which boasts one of America's finest collections of bibles, last year paid \$1 million for the derelict 130 year old Sproxion Chapel near Grantham, Lincolnshire, where the father of Baroness Thatcher preached.

able, primarily for security

among those who despair over his predecessors' decision to sell the surviving sections in the 1970s. He wanted to see

them restored to the St Paul's



Runabout for the wife is reborn as £40,000 pre-war racer

THE car was little more than a pile of bits and pieces when Norman Hart bought it for £200. But the MG turned out to be one of Britain's most historic racing cars that could now be worth as much as £40,000.

Mr Hart, a lawyer from Durham only wanted the car to restore as a runabout for his wife, Jennifer. However, once he established its history and realised its value, he bought her a

The silver single-seater is a 1936 NA Bellevue Special that once lapped Brooklands at 108mph. It was raced by Wilkie Wilkinson, one of the most famous pre-war drivers. After the war, the car raced at the first meeting held at the Goodwood circuit. Mr Hart



The MG in action at Goodwood, where it raced at the first meeting

suspected that it might have a racing pedigree when he bought it in 1972 and checked the chassis number with the MG Car Club, which authenticated it. Its distinguished pedigree per-suaded him to spend eight years and £10,000 on returning it to the condition

it was when with Wilkinson was at the

"I spent several years writing all over the world to people who had owned the car and built up a collection of 30 to 40 pre-war photographs of it," he said. "It has never been a road car. I bought it from an elderly chap who was putting a fibreglass body on it. I originally bought it as a second car for my wife, but when I discovered its racing history, I decided to restore it as a racing car."

How much the car is worth could

How much the car is worth could only be tested at auction, but Simon only be tested at auction, but Simon Kidston of Coys, one of the country's top auction houses, was impressed by its history. "The fact that it raced at Brooklands shortly before the track closed in 1939 is significant, as is the association with Wilkinson."

Michael Allicon an apparent at the

Michael Allison, an expert at the MG Car Club, said yesterday. "A car with this history could be worth as much as £40,000. It is significant because it was one of the very few MGs without a supercharger to top 100mph at Brooklands."

### Aldeburgh prefers bird table to Britten statue

By Dalya Alberge

PROPOSALS for a statue of where he lived for 30 years have been rejected after councillors said they would rather money be spent on a bird table. Even a tree would be preferable, according to some coun-

cillors in Aldeburgh, although the composer put the seaside town on the map with an annual music festival that draws international audiences. Britten, who was born in Lowestoft, found inspiration

along the coast for some of his greatest works, and took the name Lord Britten of Aldeburgh when he was awarded a life peerage in 1976. He died in the town in the same year and is buried in the cemetery there. Councillors felt that the

community would prefer the money to be spent on something other than a statue. The town clerk, Andrew Harris, said yesterday: "Although Benjamin Britten is a very important person and has done a lot for the town, there are other distinguished people, such as George Crabbe, the poet, and Elizabeth Garrett-Anderson, the first English woman doctor."

The decision has upset Britten's admirers, who say that without him few people would have heard of the seaside town. His nephew, Alan Britten, said: "It's certainly true that Britten doesn't need a statue for us to remem-ber him, but if you are looking for figures that have brought glory to East Anglia, it is hard to think of anyone greater." The idea for the statue came



Britten: laid to rest in Aldeburgh cemetery

from Suffoik Coastal District Council, which owns the cemetery. Mr Harris said: "They wrote to the town council, proposing to do some improvements to include a seated area and possibly a statue and possibly of Benjamin Britten. Funds would have to be found."

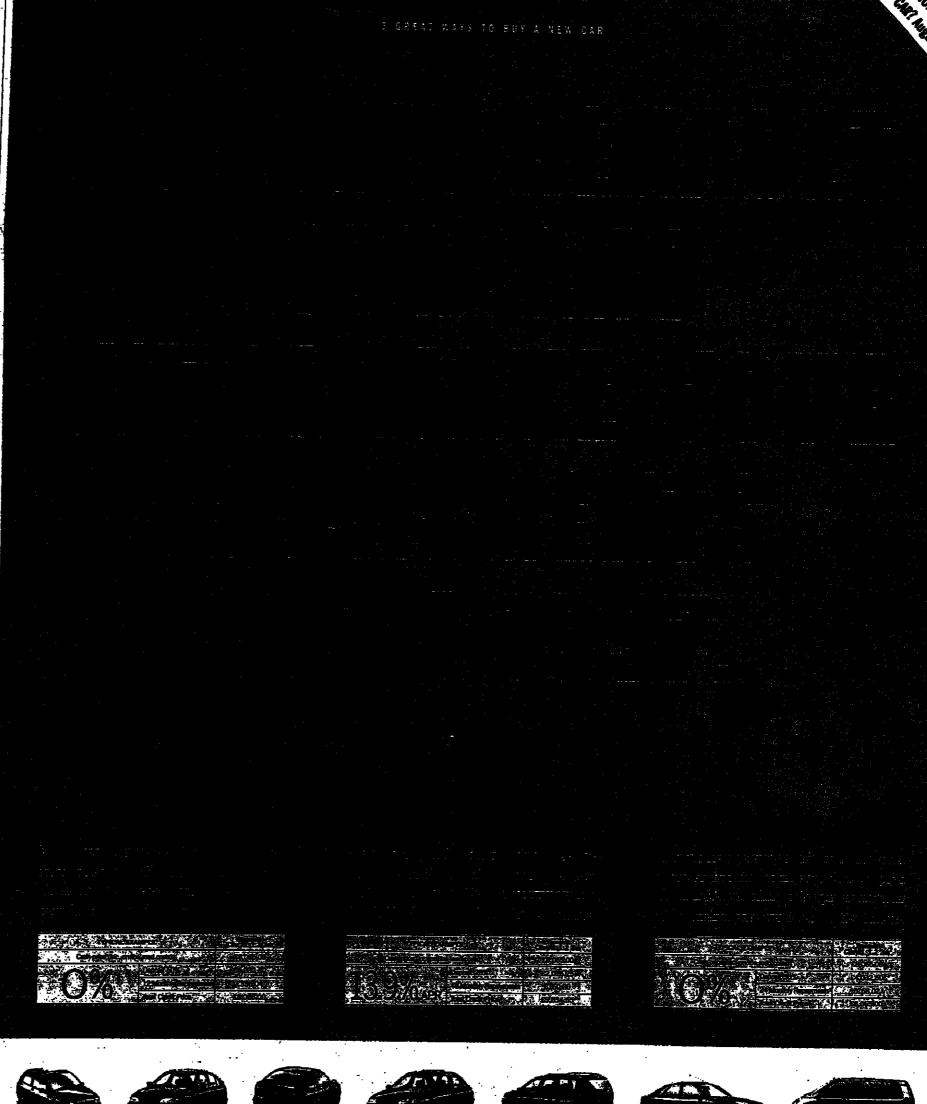
Among suggestions being pursued for a "focal point" in the cemetery are a bird table and a tree. "It is in the hands of councillors to advise me," Mr Harris said. The council meets again on August 12.

"Nobody is anti-Benjamin" Britten," Mr Harris added. The house where he lived has a blue plaque, a window in the church is dedicated to him; his old house is used as a library in memory of him."

John Richardson, of Suffolk Coastal District Council,

said: "We were quite surprised at the town council's reaction. A spokeswoman for the Aldeburgh Foundation, which Britten co-founded in the restored Snape Maltings after the war, said: "We didn't know anything about the statue. It is a matter for the town councillors."

Residents were not all in agreement with the council-lors' priorities. Robin Fournel, a jeweller, said: "People have asked me if the council has gone mad. I find its attitude incredible."



### Ariane crash blamed on fault in software

By NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A COMPUTER software fail- the lucrative satellite launch ure in a guidance system led to the loss of Europe's first Ariane 5 rocket and its payload of four Cluster spacecraft, it was announced yesterday.

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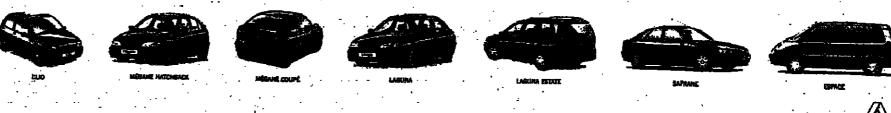
The inquiry, launched by the European Space Agency after the doomed maiden flight, has concluded that there was insufficient testing of the guidance software or the flight-control systems which should have detected the error.

Officials have submitted a -1-point plan to avoid another loss. The findings confirm the early suspicions of scientists over the loss on June 4, about 40 seconds after lift-off from

Kourou, French Guiana. The explosion was a big setback for Western Europe's bid to extend its dominance of market into the 21st century. The four uninsured Cluster craft, in which Britain had a significant interest, were designed to study the solar wind, the hail of charged particles hitting the earth. These can trigger magnetic storms

which disrupt power supplies.
The panel of inquiry concluded that "the failure of Ariane 501 was caused by the complete loss of guidance and altitude information 37 seconds after the start of the main engine ignition sequence".

The inquiry's recommendations include a critical reappraisal of all software and improved testing using real equipment and components rather than reliance solely on



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### Scare over sheep spines may mean ban on historic **British speciality**

By Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent, and Diana Thorp

THE Barnsley chop, one of Britain's most celebrated national dishes, may disappear from menus if the EU's proposed ban on sheep offal goes

The inclusion of the spinal cord in the ban would affect traditional cuts which include the backbone such as saddle of lamb, the Barnsley chop and rosettes, where the spinal cord is left in place.

But Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, said in Brussels yesterday that any ban on the spinal cord was likely to apply only to sheep over 12 months old

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#### CONSUMERS

slaughtered at less than a year and the ban would therefore not apply. None of the proposed restrictions would apply to lambs under six months

The Asda supermarket chain welcomed the proposed

"All of our lamb is new season and under six months old so I understand it would not even come under these regulations," a spokesman said. Both Asda and Marks and Spencer said that spinal cord was already removed

Spleen is not eaten and brain has a tiny market only among some Muslim communities, although the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries warned people in the Outer Hebrides to stop mak-ing a traditional dish of sheep's head soup.

from their lamb.

mendations are."

Diane McCrea, of the Con-

sumers' Association, urged

consumers to await the an-

nouncement of new Govern-

ment guidelines. "Lots of

lamb from beef, but they

should not panic and should

wait to see what the recom-

the sale of sheep's brain and

spleen should have little effect

on sales here as there is little

or no market for these items

The proposed restrictions on

have been turning to

The broth, which involves boiling the sheep's head, has been prepared as a delicacy for centuries in the Western Isles and the recipe occurs in many local cook books.

However there have been no recorded cases of CJD in the Outer Hebrides in the wake of the current BSE scare. A spokesman from the Meat and Livestock Association said

95 per cent of sheep's heads were destroyed in Britain because they have little economic value. He said all other cuts of lamb, including mince, hag-gis, shoulder, leg, breast and

rack of lamb would not be affected by such a ban. He said few consumers today cook the neck rings. usually used for stewing, or the saddle of lamb, which is rarely sold in shops and used mainly by caterers for roast-

GO FOR GOLD

ing.

The main casualty of a ban would be the double lain or "Not many people in Britain Barnsley chops. Dr Richard North, of the Quality Meats



Watching the last cattle sold at Hawkins's in King's Lynn, a family auctioneers closing after four generations

spinal cord would put an end to the Yorkshire speciality which is actually two chops joined by a piece of backbone. "It's the customers' favourite chop, and it's certainly my favourite," Dr North said.

"But if the ban comes into operation, that II be it, it II go out the window."

Nick Pound, chef and joint owner of the Barnsley restaurant Armstrongs, said the loss of the Barnsley chop would mean the end of one of the country's few regional dishes and would be akin to the loss of the Cumberland sausage or Banbury cake. It was named after the

Prince Regent ate it at the King's Hotel in Barnsley and it has been popular ever since," Mr Pound said. But Mr Pound said there the

dangers of contracting disease from a spinal cord would be minimal as a consumer would have to break down the spine of the chop to get to the spinal

Moyra Fraser, cooking edi-tor of Good Housekeeping. said she did not think a ban would panic consumers.

eat lamb brains and as long as grandfather in 1860. any chops have been well

making five. They are making "If I thought the trend was going to change, I would have stuck with it, but I have got to try and be realistic. I would like to start it up again, but I can't think that this will hap-

pen," said Mr Hawkin. Livestock breeders will now have to take their cattle to market in Norwich and Bury St Edmunds, ending a 136year association with the

scare, it wasn't gradual and [

could see no light at the end of

the tunnel. It has been a very

hard decision. It has been my

way of life for 50 years. It was

my father's, my grandfather's

basis. Two and two aren't

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and my great-grandfather's.

Meanhwhile the New Zealand government said on yesterday it was seeking more detail on European scientific evidence that BSE could infect sheep, but officials doubted whether the link was new.

EU Agriculture Commissioner Franz Fischler said on Monday it was possible what looked like cases of the wellknown disease scrapie in sheep could in fact be bovine spongiform encephalopathy

form encephalopathy advis-

brain and spleen be excluded

from the human food chain.

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cent of sheep carcasses al-

In practice, no lamb spleen

Some European scientists

leagues are not entirely con-

vinced. Such a ban could

Britain has banned feeding

meat and bone meal to sheep

since July 1988. Although

farmers used to give breeding

ewes meat and bone meal as a

protein supplement, most lambs are fed almost entirely

on grass. Exposure to infected

feed would thus have been

Francis Anthony, past pres-ident of the British Veterinary

Association, said: "This seems

to be carrying the precaution-

ary principle to ridiculous lengths. Sheep deliberately infected with BSE do not itch

and rub themselves against

fence posts, as classical cases

of scrapie. If sheep were suf-

much less than in cattle.

affect some traditional cuts.

Market prices fall by 20% in one day

**FARMERS** 

By MICHAEL HORNSBY

BRITAIN'S 90,000 sheep farmers were bracing themselves yesterday for a slump in consumer demand after the disclosure that some sheep products are to be banned because of fears they may be infected with "mad cow"

Up to now the sheep industry, which earns farmers some £1.2 billion a year in domestic sales and a further E280 million in exports, has been one of the beneficiaries of the beef crisis as consumers have 👝 switched to other meats.

The first signs of panic were reflected yesterday in falls of up to 20 per cent in sheep prices at livestock markets. which knocked up to ES off the price of a lamb.

Prices fell to about 95p a kg compared with about 115p this time last week, wiping out much of the gains lamb prices have made since the BSE crisis broke in March. Farmers were yesterday hoping that consumers would not panic and would see the ban as a purely precautionary measure against a theoretical

Ieuan Lewis, who keeps 500 breeding ewes near Llangollen, North Wales, said: "I hope people are not going to overreact. Even if there is only a theoretical risk of spongiform encephalopathy getting into sheep. I hope they will accept that it is better to be upfront and take the necessary

precautions. He added: "Recently our lamb prices have greatly improved on the back of the fall in the beef trade. Last week ! sold 51 lambs for 117p a kilogram. This time last year I

was getting less than 100p." The higher income from his sheep has helped to offset the loss Mr Lewis has been suffering on his beef cattle. Cattle prices are about £100 an animal lower than a year ago and Mr Lewis is running up hig feed hills as he keens cattle back on his farm in hope of

market improvement. Colin Maclean, director-general of the Meat and Livestock Commission, said: "About 95 per cent of sheep carcasses already have their head removed at the abattoir and the spleen is not used. So these measures should have virtually no impact on our

industry.
"Although there is no evidence of spongiform encepha-lopathy in sheep, and although scrapie has been around in sheep for 250 years and never been found to present any hazard to humans, it is always better to

err on the side of caution." But Anthony Gibson, the National Farmers' Union's regional director for southwest England, criticised Franz Fischler, the European Agriculture Commissioner, for proposing the ban. "It is completely unjustified," he said. "Scrapie has been studied for centuries and there is absolutely no evidence of any

link to BSE. Marks & Spencer said there had been no change in the price of lamb since the BSE scare. However, it has introduced a lamb special this week

which has reduced the prices. Safeway said demand increased significantly after the BSE scare, but had now decreased and stabilised at a level still at higher than before

Organic lamb has decreased in price since the BSE scare. Tim Finney, an organic meat wholesaler from Swindon Butcher, said the price of lamb had gone down from £3.30 per kg to £2.70. "If the lamb price collapses we will ignore it. It might even increase our price because people appreciate we farm in a completely different way."

The Barnsley chop, favoured by the Prince Regent

column fully removed there should be no cause for concern," she said.

A 136-year-old cattle market closed yesterday — the latest victim of the BSE crisis.

Livestock auctioneer Barry Hawkins sold his last cattle from the market in King's Lynn, Norfolk, which had been established by his great

It was a sad day for the 58-

has seen the number of cows passing through his market fall from 80 down to 20 a day following fears of Mad Cow

"BSE has closed us down. It was a cock-up by the Government. The number of cattle we were selling was dropped and so have the prices by 30 per cent," said Mr Hawkins.

There was no way we could continue. It is very sad. There

# Fears were aroused by

THE move to ban certain lamb and goat products follows research showing that "mad cow" disease can be transmitted artificially to sheep in laboratory tests (Michael Hornsby writes).

Scrapie - spongiform encephalopathy in sheep - has not hitherto caused humans any apparent harm. The brain condition Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, affects one in a million people, even in

What is worring scientists is that sheep might have acquired a new strain of scrapie from eating meat and bone meal derived from cattle rereversing the process by have contracted the disease. Compton, Berkshire, said: "If BSE [bovine spongiform enly 100 per cent sure that it will behave identically to scrapie and pose no risk to humans." Research by the institute in 1993 found that BSE could be transmitted to sheep by feed-ing them infected brain tissue

by BSE material from cattle.

"It has to be emphasised hard enough."

BSE orally to goats and mice as well as to sheep. Pigs have been infected, but only by injection into the brain. Chick-



#### **SCIENTISTS** either orally or by inoculation. The Government's spongi-

the institute, published last month in The Veterinary Record, discovered that spleen tissue from these artificially infected sheep produce a pattern of disease when injected into laboratory mice that is similar to that caused

that we have been unable so far to detect any sign of a new strain of scrapic that might indicate that BSE has got into sheep in the field. " Professor Bourne said. "But it may be that we have not been looking



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Scientists disagree about the significance of the finding, but accept that it may be right to err on the side of caution in removing even the most theoretical threat to human health from the eating of lamb.

countries with no scrapie.

mains infected with BSE, which cattle are thought to John Bourne, director of the Institute of Animal Health at cephalopathy] has got into sheep, we cannot be absolutefrom cattle or by injecting it into their brains. Infectivity was detected in the brains and

BY BEN MACINTYRE

FRENCH butchers reported

a sharp drop in the price of

lamb yesterday after Euro-pean officials announced

plans to ban certain offal from

Three weeks ago, the French Government announ-

ced a ban on "all sales of the

central nervous system of

ruminants", including brains

and spinal columns of cows,

sheep and goats, after recom-

mendations from scientists.

The spleen, thymus (used in

ris de veau or sweetbreads).

intestines and tonsils are also

sheep, goat and deer.

ory committee (SEAC) is recommending that sheep

ready have their heads removed at the abattoir. In Britain, only some Muslims are thought to eat sheep's brain. Scientists see no danger in the muscle meat of sheep or in liver and kidney. want spinal cord covered by the ban as well, at any rate in Scientists have transmitted sheep older than 12 months, though their British col-

### French gourmands face lean times

banned from human consumption if the animal was born before July 1991.

The government bans deprived France of yet more culinary delicacies and added to the meat industry's economic nightmare. The Government urged that its precautionary measures extended throughout the EU and the Agriculture Ministry yesterday commended the aititude of Franz Fischler, the Agriculture Commissioner.

Le Monde reported yester-

REACTION

day that at Rungis food market outside Paris the price of lamb, which had climbed during the initial BSE crisis. had dropped by a third in the last few weeks

With cervelle d'agneau (lamb's brains) joining the beloved national dish of tete de veau (calf's head) on the banned list French gourmands with exotic tastes are facing increasingly lean

times.

"Goats and sheep gone to pot," declared a headline in

France-Soir yesterday. "Is this the end of roast kid?" The newspaper noted that recipes for sheep and goat offal can be found in any book of traditional French cuisine. adding: "The haggis, celebrated but hard to find in France. can also perhaps be considered a dish in danger — even when one is tipsy from the tastiest whiskies."

"If in doubt, abstain," declared France-Soir. advice that could hardly be further removed from French gastronomic tradition and an indication of the deep effects of "mad cow" disease.

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### Major faces long summer on the defensive

the real difference between the parties on Europe is that Tony hard core is not as large. They cannot Blair could lead his party into a single currency, if he decided there were economic advantages for Britain, whereas John Major cannot, even if he wanted to do so. That was vividly shown by the contrast at Prime Minister's Questions yesterday between Ma Dirice and prime Minister's Questions day between Mr Blair's contemptuous dismissal of an anti-single currency pamphiet from some left-wing Labour MPs in the "People's Europe Campaign" and Mr Major's evident discomfort at the reminder of

his party's divisions.

Mr Major's stock response is to argue that Labour is "split on the issue from top to bottom". Of course, Labour is divided over Europe, but its differences are not as significant as the Tories'. At varying times about 50 Labour MPs have voted against Maastricht or expressed reservations

really be compared with the smaller number of Tory sceptics who have voted against the Government over the past four years since their total has been squeezed by tight whip-ping, while Labour MPs effectively enjoyed a free vote.

More important is that in the Tory party, the young and ambitious -including candidates replacing retiring MPs - tend to be on the sceptic rather than the pro-European side. By contrast, eager young Labour MPs tend to be pro-European. Some of the backers of "People's Europe" are veteran opponents of the EU, such as Peter Shore and Nigel Spearing, who will leave the Com-mons at the election. While Tory pro-Europeans are battling against the tide in their party, Labour pro-



Many Labour MPs and spokesmen have serious doubts about a single currency. They would have to be convinced that joining would not involve draconian spending and tax measures. But there is nothing to justify the alarmist and ill-informed tone of yesterday's paper from "Peo-ple's Europe" with its false claim that public spending would have to be cut by £18 billion to meet the public borrowing guidelines. Even after the latest revision upwards by the Treasury of its horrowing forecasts, the British Budget deficit should fall to within the target level in 1997-98.

Mr Blair has been deliberately

opaque about the precise criteria for joining a single currency. But if the a big enough if in itself - he should be able to override internal political opposition as he has in the past. That would be his instinct. And the recent mini-manifesto hardened the pledge to seek the consent of the people through "either an election or a referendum". Labour would probably be backed by the Liberal Democrats and even possibly a small number of Tory pro-Europeans.

By contrast, the Tories are stuck in their laboriously negotiated compromise with no room for manoeuvre respect, David Heathcoat-Amory's resignation has not helped the sceptics, since it has produced state-ments from Mr Major and other senior ministers restating the current, all-options-open line. It would now be very hard to change the

policy.

Despite being harried by the

entrenched his position in the Treasury with the appointment to the exotic post of "Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury of Phillip Oppenbeim, who was his parliamentary private secretary before he became a junior minister. Apart from the promotion of David Willetts within the Cabinet Office, the rest of last night's reshoffle is of interest only within Westminster, and even there not for long.

The shape of the Major Govern-ment remains as before the factions are carefully balanced and loyalists are rewarded. Mr Major will start the long summer recess on the defensive, as so often, while, despite internal criticism, Mr Blair remains unshaken as the self-confident front-

PETER RIDDELL

### Euro-sceptic Labour MPs harangued by angry colleague

A LABOUR press conference descended into farce yesterday when Euro-sceptics and Euroenthusiasts became embroiled

in a slanging match.
Five Labour Euro-sceptics had begun launching a controversial campaign to persuade Tony Blair to rule out joining a single currency when another Labour backbencher accused them of disloyalty to the party.

Denis MacShane, a pro-European Labour MP and Blair loyalist, had slipped into the back of the Westminster press conference to hand out leaflets calling for co-operation with Brussels. First he just shook his head and muttered that the Euro-sceptics were bad eggs. But suddenly he lost his patience and spent nearly quarter of an hour haranguing his colleagues.

The outbreak of open warfare on Europe has embar-rassed party leaders, who were trying to capitalise on the resignation of David Heath-coar-Amory and Tory splits over a single currency. They fear that the squabble makes Labour look even more divided than the Tories. "A feat we thought was almost impossione Labour aide s

when the Euro-sceptic Labour MPs warned Mr Blair that he would face "turmoil" in his first term if he went ahead with joining a single currency. He said: "On the day the Tories expose their hopeless divisions over Europe it is unbelievable that a group of Labour MPs should seek to open up old wars that we saw in the 1970s and 1980s."

The Euro-sceptics warned the party that it would never be able to find £18 billion of public spending cuts, which they believe would be necessary to meet the tough entry rules to a single currency. They also told Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, that he would be out of a job if Britain surrendered power over interest rates to the European Central Bank.

Diane Abbott, a member of Labour's national executive, said: "Someone talked about turmoil. You will get turmoil if Gordon Brown as Chancellor in a Labour Government has to make £18 billion worth of spending cuts and has to give way to the European bankers. He might as well put a notice on his door saying Gone

Mr MacShane was furious The Labour leftwingers say

that they have the backing of more than 50 backbenchers for a party pledge in the manifesto against a single currency. They also launched a pamphlet. The Single Currency — Axing Labour's Programme, which sets out the socialist case against Britain's entry into monetary union under the conditions imposed

by the Maastricht treaty.

Denzil Davies, a former
Treasury minister, made it clear that he would oppose a Biair government on the question of a single currency. He said that the cost of joining was equivalent to closing down half of all the hospital trusts or two thirds of secondary schools.
"I confess to the old-fash-

ioned belief that democratic governments which have the will can, and should, seek to influence events and should not surrender economic power to global markets and central banks," he said.

Alan Simpson. MP for Not-tingham South, said: "You cannot sell this to the public, and increasingly a Labour government would find it cannot sell it to the party or



party chairman, said: "The Labour pamphlet blows a gaping hôle in new Labour's pretence of unity. It reaffirms that a quarter of all Labour MPs are on a collision course with Mr Blair and Mr Brown. "The Labour leadership all sed in 1993 to force Britain

less of the circumstances, by opposing our Maastricht opt-

Mr Major told Mr Blair in the Commons: "Your party is split on the issue from top to bottom." Mr Blair, asked by Mr Major whether he agreed the Labour na Brian Mawhinney, the Tory into a single currency, regard- said: "No, I don't agree with

it." Later Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, tried to play down differences within the party on Europe insisting that, unlike the Tories, most Labour Eurosceptics wanted to remain within the EU.

### New Tory rebel argues his case

CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Tory Party's newest backbencher set out his case yesterday against a single European currency. David Heathcoat-Amory,

who resigned as Paymaster-General on Monday, argued that economic and monetary union would involve huge risks and would court disaster. Sitting uneasily in

his new role as backbench rebel, he said that his decision to resign had been "extremely difficult and traumatic" but he needed the freedom to speak out. He challenged Kenneth Clarke to put the case for a single currency but sidestepped questions about whether the Chancellor

should resign. Presenting his pamphlet, A Single European Currency. Why the United Kingdom Must say No, he argued that

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within a single currency, the EU would need a much larger budget to try to compensate for changes and shocks affecting economies within the

currency area. This would be several times larger than the present budget, and it would be under central control. It would present a huge step towards a federal European state, which many people do not want."

He insisted that the Goverament's present policy of neither ruling in nor ruling out a single currency was untenable as the public had a right to know where the main parties stood before the general election. "The United Kingdom has to decide whether to join next year. Between now and then there will be a general election. I think the

public are entitled to know what is our present stand on

Asked about Mr Clarke he said: "I think he has been a successful Chancellor and, in particular, I have admired the way that he has been a better judge of interest rate changes than the Bank of England. So there is something of an irony because he apparently wishes to give control of interest rates to a bank in Frankfurt."

The pamphlet, published by the Bruges Group, argues that monetary union could not deal with the differences, divergencies and cyclical variations in the European economies. "A single currency will have dire economic consequences which will create a new division of Europe," it

### Resignation hailed as turning point

PRO-EUROPEAN Tory MPs hailed David Heathcoat-Amory's resignation as a turn-ing point in their battle to convince John Major to keep open the option of joining a single currency (Andrew

They heaped praise on the Prime Minister for standing against Mr Heathcoat-Amory's demands for a commitment against joining monetary union as a price for remaining in the Government.

Tory pro-Europeans led by Edwina Currie, MP for South Derbyshire, dimissed reports that Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, had been more isolated by the departure of his Treasury Minister. At a press

conference of the European Movement, she said that Mr Heathcore-Amory's failure to sway Mr Major showed that the Prime Minister was dig-ging in his heels. She added The Euro-sceptics are in

Quentin Davies, Tory MP for Stamford and Spalding and vice-chairman of the European Movement, said: "The Euro-sceptics are pretty desperate and have seriously underestimated the Prime Minister." He accused Mr Heathcoat-Amory of "an extraordinary attempt to railroad Number 10" into changing policy and of being naive to believe he could

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### Blair promises councils power on a tight budget

COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

LOCAL authorities can expect more powers but no extra money under a Labour government. Tony Blair told a subdued audience of council-

lors in London yesterday. Calling for a new relationship between central and local government, Mr Blair prom-ised the 600 delegates from all parties and counties that he would allow them greater autonomy but warned them that they would need to stay

within a tight budget.
The future of local councils will not be based on spending an increased share of the national cake but on improved efficiency and ensuring that every council sees its aim as matching the performance of the best," he said. "A Labour government will be obliged to keep a tight control of our public finances, to keep inter-

est rates and inflation low." The speech was his first comprehensive policy statement on local government. His audience was the assembly of the new Local Government Association, which will combine the work of the three present council associations from next year.

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council budgets should go, but

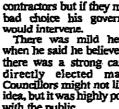
said that a Labour govern-

ment would protect the public

from excessive increases. He won rare applause when he building projects. But this phased basis". His commitment to end the

the private sector.

Mr Blair agreed that the ed it doesn't lead to diminishthe people who work for us." Councils would therefore be allowed more freedom to pick



Blair: called for greater efficiency

promised to allow money raised from council house sales to be spent on new would be done only "on a

"inflexible, bureaucratic and inefficient" system of compulsory competitive tendering was popular. However, councils would not be allowed to award contracts to in-house departments for ideological reasons if a service could be provided more efficiently by

Competition is fine providing wages and conditions of bad choice his government There was mild heckling

when he said he believed that there was a strong case for directly elected mayors. Councillors might not like the idea, but it was highly popular with the public. New methods of choosing

democratic leadership were part of his aim of "reinventing" local government. "The future must lie in the centre allowing localities to have more power, to encourage new initiatives by permitting coun-cils to introduce pilot schemes and for localities in turn to understand that they have to use their power with prudence and responsibility."

Sir Jeremy Beecham, the Newcastle Labour councillor who chaired the meeting, was not surprised to hear there would be no bonanza under a Labour government. "We were not expecting blank cheques," he said.

Simon Jenkins, page 16

IN PARLIAMENT

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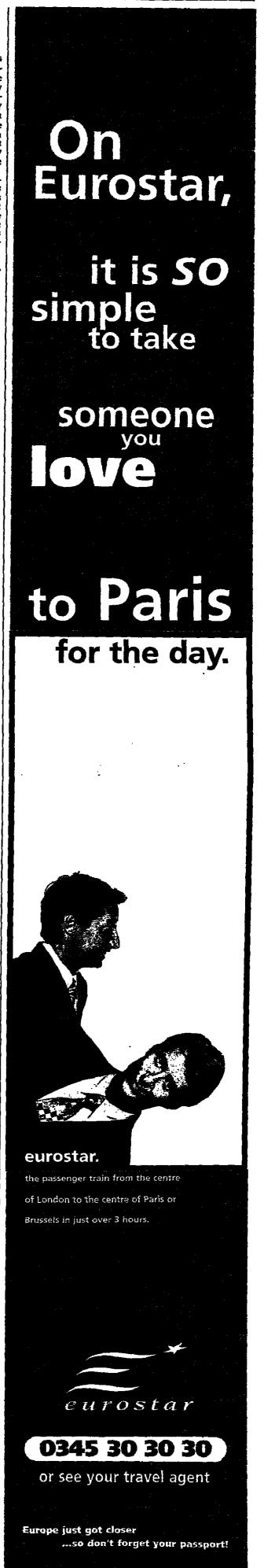
### **Business** rates cut examined by Tories

JOHN MAJOR signalled his support yesterday for reforms of the business rate that could form part of the Tories' general election manifesto.

Evidence from the Federation of Small Businesses has convinced the Prime Minister of the need to reduce the uniform business rate, which is set by central government. Under plans being considered by the Downing Street policy unit, local authorities would be able to reduce their rates to try to generate employment. Mr Major, in a foreword to

pamphlet published by the Conservative Political Centre, said: "Lifting the burden on smaller businesses is at the heart of the Conservatives' policy for promoting enter-prise and job creation." The pamphlet, written by

Bernard Jenkin, Tory MP for Colchester North, has been published as valuation offices up and down the country struggle to cope with a backlog of thousands of appeals against the uniform business rate. Many companies have gone into liquidation before their appeal can be heard. Mr Jenkin advocates a banded scheme based on rateable values with discounts for smaller premises.



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### Crash jet's wing shows trace of rare explosive

INVESTIGATORS scrambled yesterday to confirm a prelim-inary test that showed traces of a rare explosive on a piece of pockmarked wreckage of TWA Flight 800. At the same time, divers found dozens more bodies entombed in the fuselage on the seabed in the crash area off Long Island.

An initial test on a trailing section of wing from near the plane's baggage compartment yielded the first evidence that the New York-Paris flight last Wednesday might have been blown out of the sky by a bomb or missile. A so-called Egis scanner, a

sensor that uses gas chroma-tography to detect the vapour emanating from plastic explosives, made what was described as a "borderline positive reading". Officials said the substance, which they did not name, was not a common explosive, such as dynamite, C4 or Semtex. One source was quoted as saying that federal investigators had seen traces of it only once before.

That the affected wreckage came from the underside of the wing suggests a bomb could have been stowed in the baggage compartment. The piece was pockmarked in a way consistent with damage from an explosive device.

A second test with another piece of field equipment, however, proved negative. The fragment and other items have been sent to the FBI's main crime laboratory at Quantico, Virginia, for further

Further forensic science evi-

dence is expected when divers raise large chunks of the Boeing 747 from the seabed, more than 100ft below the surface. Searchers have identified a 500-yard trail of wreckage containing hundreds of pieces. Among them is a 60ft by 30ft section of fuselage thought to hold some 40 bodies. Officials said the fuselage might also be blocking the locating signal emitted by the plane's two black box

The first salvage operation goal was to recover as many of the 230 victims' bodies as possible. Only then did the Coast Guard and Navy plan to start hoisting wreckage to

the surface.
The 225ft USS Grasp, a US Navy salvage vessel carrying a small submarine with a robot arm, arrived on the scene overnight to help.

Meanwhile, FBI agents investigating a possible terrorist plot fanned out to interview members of the Arab communities in Brooklyn and Jersey City and questioned boatyard workers along the Long Island shore. Agents have taken samples from boats in an apparent attempt to find any evidence that a missile had been fired.

Investigators thought they had got a break when one boatyard reported renting a mooring to two men on the night of the crash who never returned to reclaim their \$66 (£43) deposit.

But the men, both from the area, were later identified. They said their boat had not fitted into the mooring.



### Anti-terror talks held on day of disaster

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

AMERICA'S airline overseers convened only hours before the disaster to consider European and Middle Eastern security measures for countering the threat of terrorism at US airports.

Less than 12 hours before the crash, a Federal Aviation Administration panel was convened to conduct a comprehensive review of airport security in the wake of the 1988 disaster at Lockerbie. The advisory committee, which included FBI. Secret Service, Pentagon and State De-partment officials, is now facing urgent demands to issue a report which could lead to swift legislation.

Although the committee is to report to the FAA by October 15. it seems likely that Wednesday's crash will prompt a more rapid reaction. Victims of Pan Am 103, the group created after the Lockerbie bombing, is also involved in the committee.

Officials say they are considering a tighter security "baseline" that may include new bomb detection equipment. criminal checks for employees and re-

quirements that passengers arrive much earlier at airports for screening. Better techniques for profiling terrorists, sealing aircraft and airport terminals and new fixtures to detect explosives in luggage and cargo areas are also under review.

The FAA is also contemplating the introduction of a table enabling passengers to judge airlines' safety standards. ☐ New York: The judge hearing the case against Ramzi Yousef, charged with plotting to bomb US airliners, said he was considering whether coverage of the disaster obliged him to declare a mistrial.

### Republicans urge Dole to embrace tax cut

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

TOP Republican leaders held an unprecedented conference on Capitol Hill last night to push Bob Dole's flailing presidential campaign in the right direction and avoid the possiity of a Clinton landslide in November that many believe could surrender Congress to the Democrats.

The meeting, which was attended by Newt Gingrich. the House Speaker, Dick Armey, the House majority leader, and Trent Lott, the Senate majority leader, was being held ostensibly to demonstrate a united commitment to tax reform, lower tax rates and economic growth. Behind the scenes, however, the meeting was aimed at convincing Mr Dole that he should recognise the mistakes made over

the past year and embrace a tax reduction that might yet help to bring about President Clinton's departure from the White House. The latest USA Today/CNN

poll published yesterday gave Mr Clinton a 20-point lead over his challenger with ing the President could handle every issue better than Mr Dole or Ross Perot, the billionaire Texan and founder of the Reform Party.

Mr Dole is said to be considering a tax cut as the centrepiece of a forthcoming economic plan which he is expected to unveil before the Republican convention in San Diego next month. The two leading options under consid-eration are a substantial cut in taxes across the board or a reversal of two previous rate increases imposed in 1990 and

Many conservatives have been promoting the idea of a sweeping tax cut to spur economic growth and seize the voters' imaginations as Ronald Reagan did. They say a 15

6 We want to get the country focused on the economic debate 9

per cent reduction would have greater political impact than

Traditional deficit hawks have issued a warning, however, that Mr Dole could jeopardise Republican attempts to balance the budget, a theme he supported throughout his long Senate

career and one he has promised to conclude by 2002.

Some advisers expect him to compromise by proposing a smaller tax cut, of perhaps 10 per cent. or an unspecified reduction to produce a flatter and fairer tax system. This

tactic is favoured by cluding Jack Kemp. the former Housing Secretary, and Steve Forbes, Mr Dole's rival in the

The organisers of the Capitol Hill meeting were quick to sidestep any suggestion that it had been convened to energise the Dole campaign. "We want to get the country focused on the importance of the debate that will take place this autumn," said Connie Mack, the Florida senator. "That debate is about the performance of the econo-

my and the failure of the Clinton Administration to produce a strong economy."

Despite his earlier reluctance to cut taxes and his characteristic inability to take advice from his colleagues; it appeared yesterday that Mr Dole was taking seriously the views of his fellow Republi-

Several campaign staffers were attending the meeting last night and, for his part, Mr Dole is scheduled to give a critical speech about Mr Clinton's economic policy later this week. The Republicans are particularly keen to promote the unity of message that has been so lacking in recent weeks when Mr Dole has attacked the National Rifle Association, the tobacco in-dustry and a distinguished Republican former surgeongeneral.

### **Fathers face** 'wanted' list

Washington: American parents who refuse to pay child support could soon find themselves on "Wanted" posters in post offices and on the Internet

President Clinton announced the action to crack down on a "moral outrage and social disaster" during a campaign swing through California. If all the defaulters met their legal responsibilities, the Government could move 800,000 women and children off the welfare registers, he said.

it was a cheap but popular proposal for the president in an election year, one that is likely to bolster his standing among women. Most delinquent parents are fathers. "If you don't pay, we will track you down," Mr Clinton said.

### President flees mob amid fears of coup in Burundi

By Sam Kiley, africa correspondent, and James Bone in New York

ANGRY stone-throwing Tutsi mourners yesterday drove Bu-rundi's presidential helicopter away from the funeral of 312 fellow tribesmen who had been massacred by Hutus at the weekend.

President Ntibantaganya's helicopter veered sharply away as the stones rattled against its fuselage and hurried him back to Bujumbura, thwarting his oft-repeated wish to bring the embattled ethnic groups together at times of "national tragedy". In New York yesterday, Boutros Boutros Ghali, the

UN Secretary-General, gave warning of an impending coup in Burundi and appealed to the Security Council in a letter to press ahead with contingency planning for a multinational force that could intervene in the country. "Rumours of an impending coup detat are widespread, while demonstrations in Bujumbura have become increasingly militant," Dr Boutros Ghali wrote, adding: "Tutsi youth groups have openly demand-ed admission to the ranks of the army in order to fight

Hutu rebels." Earlier, in the wake of the massacre and defying protests from the United Nations, the Burundi Government vowed to expel 85,000 Rwandan Hutu refugees to Rwanda by next week. So far 20,000 of the refugees have been sent back by Burundi's Tutsi army, but Paul Stromberg, a spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Kigali, the Rwandan capital. was reported yesterday to have said that Burundi has agreed to a temporary halt in

This, however, was contradicted by Patrick Mzaimhaka, Burundi's Rehabilitation Minister, who said that he was not worried by UNHCR protests over the expulsions. We will continue the repatriation exercise. We expect 50,000 refu-gees back home by the weekend and we should empty all the camps by next week." he said.

Rwanda's Hutu majority fled from advancing Tutsi rebels to refugee camps in Zaire, Burundi and Tanzania. where they have organised incursions into Rwanda, now



controlled by a Tutsi Government.

But the main motivation behind the expulsion of the Rwandan Hutus from northern Burundi is that the Hutu diaspora has also supplied arms and training to Buruhdi's Hutu rebel groups. There is little real sympathy for the expelled Rwandan Hutus because of what they did in 1994. This is a sign that the Burundian Army is trying to regain control of the north of the country," said an aid worker in Bujumbura.

resisted calls from its Hutu President and Tutsi Prime Minister for an international peace-keeping force to put an end to the nightmarish cycle of ethnic massacres in Burundi which are claiming an average of 100 lives a day.

Since the murder of Burundi's first Hutu President by the army in 1993, at least 150,000 people have perished in an endless spiral of slaughter that claims women and children as its main victims.

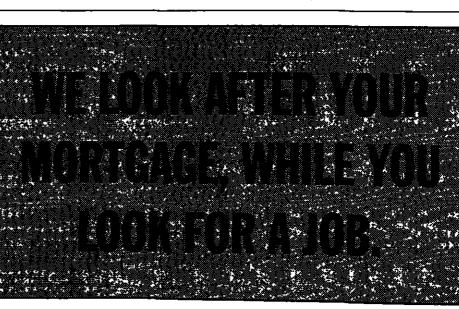
In singling out Rwanda's Hutu refugees in their camps in northern Burundi, the army has chosen to strike at the softest target. It has been unable to stem a rising tide of violence in Cibitoke province to the west, where Burundian Hutus have been operating from bases in Zaire with the support of their Rwandan cousins.

The expelled refugees face a

gruelling half day drive through swamps across bumpy tracks to Rwanda, where they can expect to be screened by the Rwandan authorities searching for men and women who took part in the 1994 genocide. Those arrested can expect to be jailed in appalling conditions in prisons already housing

60.000 other suspects. The Burundian Government's rejection of UN condemnation of the forced repatriation has caused near panic among aid agencies and the UNHCR, which fears that Tanzania and Zaire may take similar action against Rwan-da's Hutus who have caused an environmental catastrophe in Tanzania and have turned eastern Zaire into a lawless

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### Oprahlympics' turn sport into soap to win US women viewers

IN WASHINGTON

IN COVERING the Olympics for American television, NBC has de-cided it is the drama that matters, not the sports.

The network does not bother with the results or even cover some of the events attracting the biggest crowds, such as soccer. Instead, it runs "up-close and personal" pro-files of the private lives of competitors and how they strove to reachappropriately be called the "Oprahlympics" - after TV chat show host Oprah Winkrey.

NBC has a compelling reason for turning the Games Into soap opera: women. The network wants the feminine factor, not just testoster-one. A survey convinced programmers they could persuade women. who tend to shun TV sport, that the Olympics were worth watching if

NBC has 140 compensor profiles "in the can", and the strategy is working. Women viewers are up by

Dick Ebersol, president of NBC sports, was candid about his motives: "People want to see the athletes' struggle, their survival against amazing odds and their subsequent moment of victory or, sadly often times, their agonising moment of defeat."

But employing tabloid tech-niques to drive up viewing numbers comes from bitter experi-

ence. A news-driven approach in 1985 for Scientifed to poor ratings and in Barollora in 1992 NBC hist \$100 million (165 million) by the sports crowded out of prime time on three pay channels. For Atlanta, NBC has paid \$456

million (£300 million) for the US rights. By promising to deliver a family audience, the network has collected \$675 million from advertisers, some paying half a million delians for 30 seconds. As Mr Ebersol admitted: "You can't do that if you put on boxing.

know when events on screen are live or taped. That would detract from their dramatic value, said Mr Ehersol. Visitors from overseas find the coverage all but unwatchable and there are American critics, too.

NBC will broadcast 171 hours of the Games compared with 300 on Britain's two BBC channels. Media anger: The European Broadcast Union, a 65-member consortium that paid \$250 million to broadcast the Games in Europe,

making it the second-largest Olym-

pies rights holder behind NBC, has filed a formal protest with the organisers over working conditions after a chorus of media complaints

about technology and access. Reports that the union wanted some money back were denied yesterday by Jarle Hoeysacter, an EBU spokesman. But he did not rule out seeking a refund if problems are not corrected quickly. (A.P)

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### Security scare adds to woes of gridlock Games

ORGANISERS of the Atlanta Olympics tried desperately yesterday to stop the centenni al Games, previewed as a triumph for American logistics, being renamed the "problems Games".

Atlanta's steamy summer heat sapped spectators, a sec-urity scandal erupted, and international horticultural experts were summoned urgently to the main stadium after the grass died. The new glitches compounded the air of crisis created on Monday when bus drivers stopped work and athletes, furious about the transport chaos, went on a sitdown strike.

Security officials, who had given assurances that they were being particularly vigi-lant after last week's TWA disaster, were gravely embarrassed by disclosures yesterday that an armed man

By LEYLA LINTON

AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

SHAMBOLIC and chaotic is

the world's verdict on the

organisation of the Atlanta

Olympics. Embittered cities

which missed the chance of

hosting the event are gloating

The Manchester Evening

News said its city was lucky to have lost its bid to stage the Olympics in the year 2000,

given the problems facing

Atlanta. "Princess Anne

may well have been right when she said the failure to

win the vote was probably the

best thing that could have happened," it said. "Instead of

enhancing America's reput-

ation for efficiency, the Atlan-

ta experience has made it a

Games this year was turned

down and some Greek news

reports gleefully seized on the

defects in Atlanta. "A sham-

bles, and that is putting it

mildly," was a headline in the

tabloid Adesmeftos Typos.

"All the organisers were con-

cerned about was security. In the first two days, the Ameri-

Greece's attempt to host the

laughing stock."

at Atlanta's humiliation.

the Olympics opening ceremony. Roland Atkins, from Colorado, was not initially challenged at the stadium gates because he was wearing

a uniform that looked similar

to that worn by official guards.

Mr Atkins, 55, was carrying loaded .45 Smith and Wesson with II rounds and a knife. Mr Atkins, who has been charged with criminal trespass, was in the stadium for two hours before the ceremony, which was opened by President Clinton.

Elsewhere in the stadium yesterday, the groundsmen were looking despondently at some rapidly browning grass which died after being covered by a tarpaulin during the opening ceremony. Bob Brennan, the Games spokesman, said the tarpaulin had been

World's press gloats over chaos

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intended to prevent the grass being damaged. Horriculturtaken to hospital after sufferal experts were summoned to see if anything could be done

events begin on Friday.

The Olympic stadium cost \$209 million (£135 million) and will be partly dismantled after the Games for use as a baseball stadium. The run-ning track will be relaid elsewhere and the hybrid Ber-muda grass - or what is left of it — is likely simply to be thrown away to make way for a synthetic playing surface.

before the track and field

Olympics visitors have been dropping like snipe hit by two barrels on a Scottish moor. Yesterday there were 251 reports of heatstroke collapse, and a member of the Internationsal Olympic Committee succumbed to the elements during a game of tennis. Dawn Fraser, the Australian swimming star, was

ing heart problems.
The IOC, which awarded

Atlanta the Games eight years ago, has watched the problems with dismay and is quietly "surprised" that an American city has been unable to organise a proper transport and computer information system. A. D. Frazier, an At-lanta official, said solving the problem was like dealing with "a dinosaur — the head sends

the message and ten minutes later the tail wags". For minutes, read hours, if

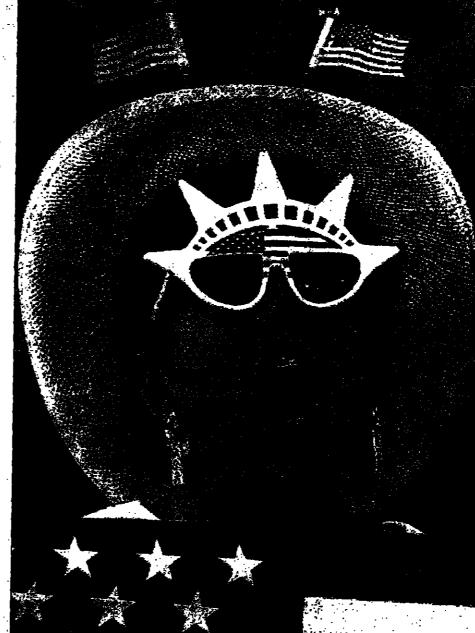
François Carrard, the IOC executive director, said yesterday: "We are working on the problems and are having more meetings as we try our utmost to get things sorted out. There have been some improvements, but there is still a lot to be done." One remaining problem is providing shelter for the press area in the stadium. It is open to the heavens and reporters' laptop computers are likely to malfunction because of the sunlight or the thunderstorms that have been forecast. The Los Angeles Olympics

in 1984 were such a success that many people expected the Atlanta Games to slot easily into place. Before the start the organisers brushed aside fears that they would not be ready. The optimism of Billy Payne, head of these Games, was pure Arlanta bombast -in the Georgian coastal city of Savannah they have long said of landlocked Atlanta that it would be a seaside resort if it could suck as hard as it could blow. And while the enthusiasm and hospitality of the locals have been boundless. veterans of the Barcelona Olympics have lamented Atlanta's lack of ambience.

The city has done much to epair its downtown area, but lacks architectural charm. They might as well have held the Games in Milton Keynes," said one spectator, surveying the acres of concrete.

Visitors have also com-

plained that volunteer street guides have no idea where they are going. Although the volunteers are "local", they have clearly rarely ventured to what were the rough parts of central Atlanta, which have been temporarily colonised by the Games.



Karen Carney of Buffalo, New York, encourages the American swimming team

### **Swimmer** answers drug-use claims

By AUDREY MAGEE IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE double Olympic-gold winner, Michelle Smith, hit back yesterday after a whispering campaign by rivals that she had used perfor-

mance-enhancing drugs. Smith, whose two 400-metre victories have made her Ireland's first Olympic swimming champion, said she was the most tested athlete in her native land. She insisted that her success was due to a fitness programme normally used by track and field athletes and that she had never been tempted to take drugs. "It would be really stupid

for me to do something like that," she said. "Once you are in the top 20 in the world rankings you are liable to be tested by FINA (the international swimming federation] or your own federation."

Janet Evans, the American winner of four gold medals, questioned the Irishwoman's success after failing to reach the final of the 400-metre freestyle won by Smith.

Dr Joe Cummiskey, chief medical officer of the Irish team, said Smith had been tested 12 times in the past year. He tested her randomly eight weeks ago in compliance with Olympic regulations for steroids, masking agents. diuretics and stimulants.

John Bruton, the Irish people everywhere shared in he pride Smith had brought

### Peking berates Olympics 'conspiracy'

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING

CHINA has launched what appears to be a concerted campaign of gripes against the Atlanta Olympics, hinning at conspiracy against Peking. Foreign diplomats said yesterday that the complaints go beyond mere transport diffi-

culties for athletes. According to the Chinese press, the Games are a disaster and discriminatory. Envoys say Peking's failure to host the 2000 Olympics —

Sydney won that contest - or retaliation for Western criticism over China's heavyhanded organisation of the United Nations Conference on Women last year, may be the motive for the campaign.

China is undergoing a per-iod of nationalist revival, stemming from the party leadership under President Jiang Zemin, and typified by a bestselling book by five young Chinese authors called China

typical of the anti-Americanism that has become prevalent here since the United States sent two aircraft carriers near the Taiwan Strait earlier this year during Taiwanese presidential elections. The People's Daily quoted

an athlete as saying that if food at the Olympic village did not improve, he would be unable to eat any more in the absence of Chinese cooks. Another article noted that the Olympics had been held three times in the United

can say no. The new volume is States, "yet it seems like the Americans are new hands". Chinese swimmers were told not to practise in the pool because "there was a suspected bomb". Fire alarms went off at night and athletes had to stand outside for over an hour. They never explained what happened," an official said, adding: "It makes one think."

The Chinese press has not reported, however, that Chinese television censored the Games' opening to omit the entrance of Taiwan's team into the stadium.

### Grant and Hurley buy Hollywood flat

Going to pot: How the Toronto Star sees the Games

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FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

HUGH GRANT appears willing to confront his recent past. The actor and former client of a Hollywood prostitute is said to have bought a flat within a mile of the crossroads where his encounter with a woman calling herself Divine Brown nearly ruined his career.

Mr Grant and his girlfriend, Elizabeth Hurley, are said to have chosen as their permanent Hollywood base an apartment near Sunset Boulevard once owned by Bette Davis.

The couple, both working

on the same film, have been looking for a home in Los Angeles since their sudden esses — his in 1994's *Four* Weddings and a Funeral, hers as a cosmetics model forced them to spend more and more time here over the

na's slick 1992 Olympics still

alive. Spain is smugly assess-

ing the clumsy American efforts. The conservative daily

ABC commented: "After such

a torrent of bungles, it should

not surprise us that so many

sportsmen, coaches and jour-

past two years. Before her boyfriend's rise to stardom Ms Hurley was virtually unknown: an aspiring English actress seeking work in Hollywood and renting a room in the hills above the studios from the British journalist William Cash. She is now the producer of Mr Grant's forthcoming film, Ex-treme Measures, which is in post-production at Castle Rock Pictures. The pair had taken to staying at the Four Seasons hotel when in Hollywood.

... In 1992, everything worked to perfection. This year,

things have gone wrong right

Newspapers in Russia

France, Germany, Switzer-

land and Italy have also

ridiculed the organisation of

from the start."

When Mr Grant was arrested by a Hollywood vice squad on June 27 last year, after committing a "lewd act with Ms Brown, his love affair with American audiences and the lavish lifestyle that accompanied it seemed for several weeks in dire jeopardy.

A year on, his decision to bare his soul over the incident on a succession of prime-time saved his professional skin. Ms Hurley, meanwhile, is said to be earning \$1 million a year as the new face of Estee Lauder. The mortgage payments should be manageable. ☐ Singer banned: Donovan Leitch, 50, the Scottish folk singer better known simply as Donovan, has had to scrap an American tour after being denied travel papers because of a drug conviction still on his record after 30 years.

The singer was convicted of sing marijuana in England in 1966. The black mark held up his application for a visa waiver at the US Embassy and forced him to cancel a tour promoting his first album in 12 years, according to his Los Angeles record company.

### **Rodney King** faces jail term

Los Angeles: Rodney King who was beaten by Los Ange les police five years ago, faces up to a year in jail after a hitand run incident in which he ran over his ex-wife in a car (Giles Whittell writes).

Despite being a millionaire

and minor celebrity, Mr King has been unable to shake off his troubles with the law. Convicted in the hitand-run case two weeks ago, he is to be charged with violating his parole terms from an earlier offence. He was awarded £2.5 million from the City of Los Angeles for his 1991 beating.

### Santas descend on Denmark

FROM REUTER

SIXTY sweating Father Christmases ho-hoed their way through Copenhagen yesterday in a parade opening the thirty-third World Santa Claus Congress.

A convoy of veteran fire engines and locries, led by a brass band thumping out Christmas tunes, drove through the streets behind a clown. The unseasonal Christmas party took on a surrealist air as white-bearded Santas jumped from their vehicles to mingle with the crowds, singing Yuletide refrains.

"No joking, Santa is a symbol of peace and goodness. There is not much in this world which brings people together, but Santa unites us," said Skipper, a Santa em-ployed at Denmark's Central Bank during the festive

But Santas sweating in July and a host of girl elves did not impress one little boy. These are not the real Father Christmas," cried Rasmus, aged

season.

Later a shoal of Santas was unloaded outside the parliament building for a short visit before the party was rounded off with a bumper Danish

Christmas kunch, washed down with powerful Yule

punch. The week-long congress is being attended by more than 150 Father Christmases from 18 countries. Cyberspace tops the agenda. The world's Santas want to spread their message to the children of the future through computer

"The days when children believed in only one Father Christmas are passing, and children are no longer naive." said Groth Rasmussen, the congress chairman.

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### Sri Lanka carnage as fight at base intensifies

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN COLOMBO

THE Sri Lankan Army and Tamil Tigers are locked in one of the greatest slaughters of their civil war, with the combined death toll probably well over 1,000 in six days of fighting. Both sides continued throw-

ing combatants into battle for control of the strategic garrison of Mullaitivu on the northeast coast yesterday, apparently sustaining appalling casualties on the 13th anniversary of the outbreak of

The Tigers have seized part, and perhaps all, of Mullaitivu base. Many of its 1,200 personnel are dead. The Govern-ment is determined to take back the garrison to deny the Tigers the claim that they have defeated the Army in a conventional battle, making a mockery of the assertion that the rebels were weak and

More troops arriving by sea continued to come under intense artillery and mortar fire enormous international

yesterday. The Government insisted the garrison's survi-vors would be relieved, although the Tigers claimed the reinforcements were pinned down on the beach. One report quoted a Sri Lankan official as saying 22 troops were killed when a rebel shell hit a landing craft.

Communications with the base were knocked out early in the battle, leaving the authorities in Colombo uncertain of the course of the battle. Army officials insisted they still held at least half of the Mullaitivu

The battle is crucial to the Tigers' credibility. They must demonstrate their prowess to reassert authority over the Jaffna Tamil population following their humiliating ejection from the Jaffna peninsula late last year and early this year by government forces. The demoralising defeat undermined the Tigers' prestige and threatened to disrupt their



Sri Lankan police check a car in Colombo yesterday, fearing attacks on the 13th anniversary of the start of hostilities

fundraising operations. Jaffna was run as a Tiger mini-state. with the population subjected to high taxation - a source of funds that has now ended. making foreign fundraising

even more crucial. There is ample evidence of strong-arm tactics being used to force expatriate Tamils to contribute monthly donations. The Tigers have played stock markets in London and elsewhere and have investments

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around the world, especially in the south Indian state of Tamil Nadu, which has 55 million Tamils. The Colombo Government says the rebels are involved in the heroin

The Tigers have offices in 38 countries that raise millions of pounds a year from 450,000 expatriate Sri Lankan Tamils. Britain, Australia, Canada, Italy and Switzerland are key

fundraising centres outside South Asia. The rebels fear their revenues may be hurt by increasing international distaste for the fighters, once viewed almost romantically as the defenders of an oppressed

India, once a benefactor, has turned against them, and most countries hosting a Tigers' office view the rebels as fanatics who have spurned legitimate peace overtures from the Government. Sri Lanka has never declared the Tigers an illegal organisation. in the hope of eventually drawing them into the political mainstream. This has made it difficult for foreign governments to close Tiger offices or investigate their affairs, despite calls by Sri Lanka to do so. By some accounts, the rebels raise at least £15 million annually

### US envoy urges Asean pressure on Burma

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN JAKARTA

the American Secretary of State, gave a warning yester-day of possible global consequences if pressure was not put on the Burmese military junta to introduce democracy.

Speaking at the third Association of South-East Asian Nations regional forum, Mr Christopher urged it to "consider the impact of current conditions in Burma on the region". The refusal of Burmese leaders "to heed the desires of a majority of people for a transition to democratic rule, and its increased harassment of the democratic opposition, not only violates basic universal human rights, but raises the chance of instability.

WARREN CHRISTOPHER, bloodshed and migration within Burma and across its borders," he said.

The steady deterioration of the rule of law has increased the threat that Burma's burgeoning drug trade poses to citizens from Bangkok to Berlin, Shanghai to San Francis co," he added. The United States, which has already stopped foreign aid and weapons sales to Burma, is considering, like the European Union, imposing sanctions.

Asean denies it is blind to the political situation in Burma, but prefers change through "constructive engagement". Burma may become a member in 1998, Asean offici-

### Tigers unleashed by killer whose hero is Napoleon

THE spectacular fighting form of the Tamil Tigers in perhaps the bloodiest battle of Sri Lanka's 13-year civil war is the work of one of the world's most deadly terrorists: Velupillai Prabhakaran. a poorly educated Hindu fisherman with a ready smile a quick wit, a fond-ness for Clint Eastwood films and an admiration for Napoleon.

Plump, 42, married and a father, he looks anything but what he is: a mass killer, a political fanatic, a manipulator of the national hunger for peace, and probably the sole reason why thousands die almost every year in a con-flict going nowhere. He used to immerse himself in sacks of chillis to teach himself to withstand pain in case he was caught and tortured.

He neither drinks nor smokes, expects celibacy from his men unless they are married, and is pitiless with those who fail to follow his orders to the letter. The miracle is that he has not been assassinated, because without him the Tigers would collapse. Anyone around him who might be plotting treachery is killed. For security reasons, he rarely speaks publicly.

The best that can be said of him is that he has not built a personality cult round himself, despite his reputation as a military genius. He confronts a 100,000-strong army with 10,000 fighters, yet has suffered few setbacks and never been captured. He founded the Tigers in

1972 — the tiger is the traditional symbol of Tamils in pursuit of a homeland Eelam (Precious Land) in the north and east of Sri Lanka where most Tamils live. This was per-haps an inevitable outcome of increasing ethnic dis-crimination and, in particular, crass decisions by two Prime Ministers of the Bandaranaike dynasty — the 1956 declaration that Sinhalese would be the official language, which left Tamil-speakers isolated, and the juggling of regulations in 1971 so that Tamils needed higher marks than the Sin-



Prabhakaran: fond of Clint Eastwood films

halese majority to gain university admission.

Prabhakaran, aged 17 when he and 30 other teenagers announced the formation of the Tigers, was known to friends as Thamby (little brother). His elusiveness is legendary, despite the Government's readiness to pay generously for his head: once he escaped security forces disguised as a peanut vendor and on another occasion as a priest.

Prabhakaran was born in the village of Valveddittural into the lowly Karaiar (fishermen) caste but married into the higher Vellala caste. He met his wife. Madiva-dani, in 1984 when she and fellow students at Jaffna University went on a hunger strike "unto death" in a protest against discrimina-tion. Prabhakaran and fellow Tigers swept onto the campus and carried the protesters to hospital, where they were forcibly fed, calling the exploit an "idiotic self-sacrifice".

His bitterness was forged early. In 1958, at the age of four, he saw an uncle burnt alive in language riots. He has described his childhood as lonely, especially "in the matter of mingling with girls". His educated father was a government-employed district land officer in Jaffna. "I was brought up in an environment of strict disci-

pline." he recalled. On another occasion he declared: "I used to read books on the rise of Napoleon and his exploits. This kind of history held special



### Phone sex outrages islanders

Suva, Fiji: Tuvalu's national church is outraged that the tiny central Pacific island has boosted government revenue 10 per cent by leasing its international telephone code

for phone sex services. "If it is true, then this is the most degrading thing that has ever happened to Tuvalu." said the Rev Rosette Alefaio, of the Ekalesia Kelisiano. He had received pages from the magazine Men Only displaying advertisements offering sex conversation to callers who dial a number prefixed by Tuvalu's code, 688. (AP)

### Charges ready in

Abiola killing Lagos: Nigerian police are to charge unnamed senior opposition figures with conspiracy in the murder of the wife of Moshood Abiola, the detained opposition leader, a police spokesman said. Mrs Abiola. vocal in support of her husband, was shot in Lagos on June 4. The police have held Abraham Adesanya, 74, Ayo Adebanjo and Ganiyu Dawodu, all National Democratic Coalition figures, since last month. (Reuter)

#### Filipinos face gold charges

Sydney: Two Filipino men. one calling himself a sultan and another a prince, were charged with trying to sell 50,000 tonnes of gold bullion they did not have. Hatij Rodinood Sultan Karim, 39, and Datu Mohammed Kadhar Karim Saluman Karim Sa hur Karim. 48, were charged with two counts of fraud in the Surfers' Paradise magistrates' court in Queensland. (Reuter)

#### Deadly bait

Tirana: An Albanian fisherman who sought a bumper catch by dropping a Second World War bomb into the sea was killed when it blew up while he was handling it in the port of Vlore. (Reuter)

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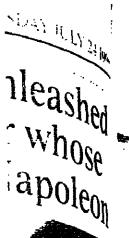


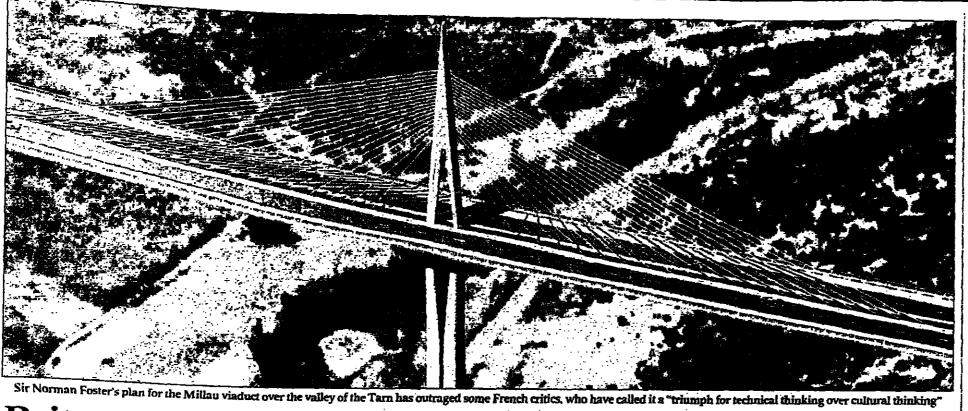
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Briton's viaduct raises French storm

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

THE British architect Sir Norman Foster has won a competition to design a vast viaduct in southwestern France, sparking protests from rivals and critics who say that his immense structure will "scar one of the most beautiful parts of the French countryside".

The Millau viaduct, named after the town in the Aveyron region which lies at one end of the planned structure, will eventually stretch 1.5 miles above the great valley of the Tarn, completing the high-speed A75 autoroute linking Clermont-Ferrand in central France with Beziers on the Mediterranean coast. At its centre, the viaduct's pillars will tower 1.130ft above the ground, 100ft higher than the Eiffel Tower.

trial work of art, the viaduct will offer motorists breathtaking views as they drive between the two cliffs known as the Causse Rouge and the Causse Noir (the red and black limestone plateaux), but the design has been attacked as brutal and inappropriate.

"Is it really necessary?" the newspaper Le Figoro asked yesterday, describing the project as a "mastodon" that would cost at least Fr1.5 billion (£200 million) and create a "vast net of pylons" scarring the utiliar.

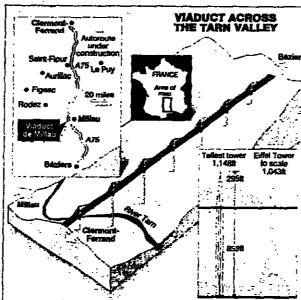
the valley.
"This building is a nonsense, resulting from a poor analysis of the site." Francis Rambert wrote, M Rambert accused Sir Norman of failing to take the geography of the region into sufficient account, saying that the Romans or Eiffel "would have understood it better".

Sir Norman, who is also working on Described as the world's largest terres- the British Museum and the Reichstag in plans for the viaduct. The competition was launched in 1993 and this month a jury of French architects, engineers and politicians debated the entrants for 48 hours before arriving at a shortlist of five

designs.
"The jury chose the most glaring solution for the countryside," complained Le Figaro, describing Sir Norman's design as a "grand triumph for technical thinking over cultural thinking".

Others, however, have taken a differ-ent view. Christophe Cathala, of Dépêche du Midi, the local newspaper, described the Foster design as the most fluid, with a "purity of line that fits in well with the

The Foster viaduct will be built of concrete, with the sides of the roadway built on the model of aircraft wings to withstand the battering of high winds.



# **Eta mastermind** held in swoop

have been driven from the sea by sharks. Coastguard boats have been patrolling the 30-mile Trieste coast and warning bathers to stay out of the water since three sharks were seen on Sunday. Police and lifeguards stop any swimmer

seldom seen in the Adriatic. Although they can be aggressive towards swimmers, documented cases of attacks on humans are extremely

mise decision accepting much However, Paolo Muner, the harbourmaster in the port of Trieste, said it was not unusual in summer to see blue sharks, which can grow up to 13ft long. Blue sharks are usually found near the surface in warm waters and feed voraciously on fish, squid and

> The danger flags are still flying, and it is up to the individual beach operators when they decide to let people back into the sea," Signor Muner said. He added that some beaches had also been closed in neighbouring

THE Basque separatist group Eta has suffered a serious setback with the arrest by French police yesterday of Julian Atxurra Egurola, alias Pototo, believed to be one of the three members of Eta's high

along with electronic address books and an Eta seal.

boost for the Spanish Government in its war against Eta, which yesterday seriously injured a Portuguese citizen, Albino Machado Pires, 35, in a car bomb in San Sebastian. It is believed Senhor Machado. who may lose both legs, was targeted because he once worked as a cook for the Spanish Civil Guard.

questioned arms and logistics mastermind. His arrest is the fruit of an unprecedentedly close partnership between Paris and Madrid that has already led to high-level antiterrorist agreements between the French and Spanish

The French Interior Minister. Jean Louis Debré, has mei his counterpart, Jaime Mayor Oreja, several times, and the two are said by close observers to enjoy a total meeting of minds on the terrorist threat from Eta". M Debré is believed to be "very favourably inclined" towards granting Spanish police a limited right of hot pursuit of Eta guerrillas

Atxurra, known to have committed two murders himself in 1986, has been responsible for innumerable orders to kill, bomb and main. In 1994, a Paris court sentenced him in absentia to eight years in prison.

Spanish security forces are preparing themselves for an aggressive Eta response to Aburra's capture. The Basque group invariably retaliates after a member's arrest with violence against the Civil Guard. This time Eta's response could extend to tourists, as part of its summer campaign to disrupt the Span-

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### Peace hopes revive as Likud minister has talks with Arafat

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM hawk, was found a top Cabi-

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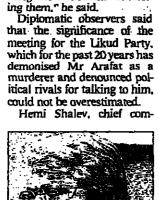
YASSIR ARAFAT, President of the Palestinian Authority. held a successful first meeting at ministerial level with Isra-'s Likud Government yester-

day, reviving hopes for peace in the Middle East. The 90-minute encounter at the crossing-point between Is-rael and the Gaza Strip between Mr Arafat and David Levy, the Foreign Minister, was seen as confirming the pragmatism of Binyamin Netanyahu's Government. He won unexpected praise in Cairo last week when he met President Mubarak for the

first time. Mr Arafat, who is still regarded as a "war criminal" by some members of the Likud Cabinet said after the meeting: "These contacts will continue at all levels, so that we can move the peace process forward at all levels."

Mr Arafat also disclosed that he had sent a personal greeting to Mr Netanyahu, although the Israeli Prime Minister has so far refused to meet the PLO chief. A Netanyahu-Arafat meeting is now expected within a month or two, according to Israeli political sources.

Mr Levy, who recently threatened to resign unless Ariel Sharon, a leading Likud



Arafat and Levy after their talks yesterday

### **Adriatic** sharks cause ban on bathers

By Francesco Bongarra

TOURISTS in the Adriatic who defies the warning.

The alert started when the crew of a regatta boat spotted three sharks which they said were at least 10ft long. The regatta was immediately cancelled.

Experts said sharks were

of the withdrawal scheme agreed by the previous Labour Government will be an-nounced, with the addition of extra security for the Jewish settlers who will remain. Mr Netanyahu described yesterday's talks as "significant in establishing dialogue other sharks. between Israel and

Palestinians". The meeting was accompanied by other signals of a thaw, including the start of the promised lifting of a ban on permits enabling Palestinians from Gaza to work in Israel. Leading article, page 17

mentator for the daily Maariv,

wrote: The meeting signals clearly that the new Israeli

Government really intends to

maintain the obligations un-

not lead to specific agreements

sues between Israel and the

Palestinian Authority. But Mr Netanyahu said that his Gov-

ernment would decide this

weekend about how to proceed

with the long-delayed with-

drawal from most of Hebron.

the last West Bank city still

According to sources close to

the Government, a compro-

patrolled by Israeli soldiers.

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As expected, the meeting did.

dertaken by its predecessor."

### by French police By Tunku Varadarajan in madrid and Our Foreign Staff

Atxurra was arrested in a dawn swoop by heavily armed Lasseube, near Pau, southwest France. About 30 police found a cache of arms including an anti-tank rocket, submachineguns, grenades and detonators in the farmhouse,

His detention is a welcome

He had been alerted by police after his name, a description of his car and indications of where he parked it were found on a list of Eta targets discovered by the police last March when they arrested an alleged Eta murderer. Atxurra, who is among the most wanted of Eta's members, is the group's un-

### JN diggers start to uncover 'biggest mass grave' in Bosnia

FROM STACY SULLIVAN

INVESTIGATORS from the United Nations War Crimes Tribunal began digging up a meadow that is suspected to be the higgest mass grave in eastern Bosnia in their continued effort to uncover evidence of the slaughter of Bosnian Muslims when Serb forces overran the UN-declared

safe area" of Srebrenica a year ago. Unlike other sites which have been in isolated areas, this grave, known as Nova Kasaba, sits on the edge of the main road, about 12 miles northwest

of Srebrenica. American intelligence sources have estimated the grave contains the bodies of between 1,550 to 2,700 Muslim men, who were killed as they tried to escape the advancing Bosnian Serb Army. Investigators estimate the number of bodies to be in the hundreds.

Because its proximity to the main road makes the exhumations much more visible to the Serb population. which has thus far insisted the grave sites contain the bodies of soldiers killed in fighting, UN investigators and Nato soldiers from the peace implementation force in Bosnia fear

resentful Serbs are more likely to harass investigators. US troops posted an anti-sniper unit round the site and have lined the busy road with Bradley fighting vehicles. Troops have been given orders to ignore residents who shout abuse or make

obscene gestures at them. The team of 20 investigators at Nova Kasaba uncovered three corpses on Monday as they dug

trenches round the site to mark the boundaries of the grave. One body was attached to a shoe poking out of the earth. In a test dig earlier this month, investigators found six bodies two with their hands bound crushed skull and two others with bullet holes in their heads. Last week investigators uncovered 154 corpses from a grave near Cerska.

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# Army manoeuvres for the autumn

The maxi-coat, fur collar and brogues that make up this autumn's essential look are already moving from the catwalks to the high street, says Grace Bradberry



stylish woman should

be thinking about autumn.

Does this sound mad? Think

again. After the August holi-

day rush, most of us will

return to find temperatures

taking a sudden dive, and

shops plunged into autumnal

mood. And most of us will not

have a clue what to

buy. The temptation

is to put off shop-

ping until the chill

really begins to

often a mistake:

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Overall, the idea is to look faintly Seventies and bohemi-

The idea is to look faintly Seventies

and bohemian

To help with this. the August editions of the glossies are, as usual, full of able. As Kim Stringer, assopictures from the designers' automn/winter shows. Bu not all the "looks" are practical for a woman seeking investment buys for the office. Clashing patterns, catsuits and long cardigans are just maroon are also very three of the trends that will pass muster in fashionable restaurants and clubs, but few

other places. that look set to make a successful transition from the catwalk. The maxi-coat, the military-style suit and brogue



brogues are in a court-shoe style rather flatties, and so much more flattering to the leg). The key accessory is a detachable fur collar, slung over a coat or worn over a sheer blouse.

an, preferably both at once.

try has been trying to persuade us to give up black for now, and by a process of attrition they have gradually succeeded in making it look a bit This autumn

comes the big

have finally come up with base colours that are actually wearbuilding block. For next season chocolate brown is a great colour, and so is khaki in small doses. Burgundy and

flattering. According to Ms Stringer, certain outfits make an instant impression on the catwalk.



quite different. But the gilt buttons and the belts will still be there, as well as similar proportions and colours."

The result will be nothing like the real thing - as Ms Stringer is careful to point out - but it will reflect the general direction that fashion is

Beyond the obvious criteria of cut, colour and quality. there are key points to look out for this autumn. Texture is important. Several designers used leather and suede for their maxi-coats. If this seems both extravagant and impracwool mixes like the one used in the Jaeger coat pictured.

Wide lapels are the most important detail for jackets. Without them, a military style will look like army surplus. With them, it will have an impact not seen since the power-dressing of the

But blocked shoulders and nipped in waists have not made a return. Look for long, lean lines and simple tailoring which will really show up the details to good effect. As always, there are a lot of trouser suits around, and the best shape is one that flares out at the bottom. Ideally the trouser legs should be slightly cropped, rather than skimming the shoes.

FOR years, cosmetic com-panies have been promising lip products that will stay on.

define the lips well, and protect them from becoming

chapped. Guerlain has just launched its new Kisskiss

Hydro-soft range in 24 shades

and claims, of course, that this

is the ultimate product. We put it to the test, along with

■ GUERLAIN KISSKISS HYDRO-SOFT SPF8, £14,

Did it moisturise? Lips re-

mained moist for several

hours; score 9/10. Long-last-

ing colour? Despite being slightly transparent, it managed to stay put. We tested a deep red shade, but the colour

worked well as both a subtle

stain and a complete lip colour: 9. Total score: 18/20.

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TOP FAR LEFT: Catwalk originals from Krizia (left) and Istante (pholographs, CHRIS MOORE) TOP CENTRE: Aubergine belted mélange coat, £440; bayleaf merino wool dress, £129, Jaeger selected branches (0171-200 4000). Fake fur detachable collar, £55, Jackson, Selfridges, W1 (0171-792 8336). Ankle boots (also above left), £69.99, Ravel, selected branches (0171-631 0224) ABOVE RIGHT: Khaki crêpe double-breasted jacket, £175; matching trousers, £110, Whistles,

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fashionable. The collar shown here also comes in a deep red.

Though all this advice may

sound prescriptive, this is

actually a good season for

In general, avoid coats with fur trims that are attached separate fake fur accessories slung over the top are not only

Did it moisturise? Fairly good at keeping the lips moist. Also claims to be

waterproof, and is PABA-free

which is a preservative people can be allergic to: 8/10. Long-lasting colour? A sheer, fairly

long-lasting lipstick, it left a

film of transparent colour rather than defining the lips:

7/10. Total score: 15/20.

£3.75, Body Shop.

■ COLOURINGS SPF30.

four colours.

Did it moisturise? Kept lips moist for only a short while

which would mean having to

constantly reapply: 4/10.
Long-lasting colour? The lipstick has a unique design with a core of concentrated

sunblock running down the middle of the lipstick. Looks

impressive, but though the initial result was luminous

and glossy, the colour didn't

last very long, 5/10. Total

Four protective lipsticks tried and tested ■ ELIZABETH ARDEN SUN SHADE SPF15, £12,

three colours. As a more sheer lipstick this one worked well at keeping lips soft: 6/10. Long-lasting

was more effective as a protec-tive stain than a full-on lip colour. Needed to be reapplied to maintain its richness; 5/10. Total score: 11/20.

experimenting. "It's all about mixing everything up," says Kim Stringer. "It's a Seventies-

inspired thing of freedom of

#### colour? The glossiest lipstick AMANDIP UPAL tested, it was not as long-**HOUSE INSURANCE** SAVE **50%** MORE e.g. LONDON & HOME COUNTIES £100,000 Buildings Sum Insured Premium Only £154.00 LOWER Premiums in most Other Areas Ring NOW to Save Money 0345 123111



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CAMILLA Leigh-Pemberton (above), 32, has run her own

party-planning company, Fait Accompli, for the last ten

years. Her wardrobe is full of little black dresses, chosen so

she can fade into the background when working, and

shortish skirts. "I don't know why, but I never wear long skirts. In some ways, I'm incredibly square about clothes," she admits. She was quite taken with the maxi-coat and

fake-fur trim, but not so sure about the brogue boots: "Will

starts tomorrow

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Chris Minna, LaLa and L.D. thrust their pelvises with vigour among excesses of erotic underwear

# The naked and the dead boring

n Monday evening a new show, Voyeurs, opened in London's West End. The walls of the Whitehall Theatre display a poster of a man crouched in the osture of an arthritic tarantula. He appears to be salivating over the upper regions of a woman's thigh. "Satisfy your curiosity" challenges a red neon sign above the entrance. I joined the throng of people who had arrived in search of satiation, presumably.

A rock musical, Voyeurz has sold itself on promises of libidinous lesbians and simulated sex. Outside on the pavement I found myself among a motley crowd. There was a man with a leather harness round his chest, not unlike that which my great aunt uses for taking her unruly beagle for a walk. Peter Stringfellow's girlfriend was there, too, appropriately garbed in transparent plastic with three red dots over the most vital areas. And I saw the proverbial man in a mac. But it turned out to be Richard Harris - and his mac

As the show begins you are left in no doubt that you have strayed beyond the boundaries of Barbara Cartland romance. Even as the turtain rises you are inside the bedroom. Dancers writhe in knickers and vests, managing to look not unlike Form 3a from the local primary school miming their version of gas in the trenches. The show rolls, downhill, from then on. Its plot is banal, its lyrics ludicrous and its wit absent. Several members of the audience, shocked by cliche, left half-way through.

It is true there were enough buttocks to please the most demanding pygophiliac and pelvic thrusts of a vigour to make the Green Goddess proud. Flurries of fetishistic aids were brandished amid excesses of exotic underwear. But as nudity followed semi-nudity in swift succession, people no longer even bothered to lean forwards in their seats. The simulated sex was less erotic — and only marginally less embarrassing than watching the vicar's Jack Russell mounting the postmistress's spaniel at a village lête. When all was over, bar the

A new West End rock musical owes more to pornography than to art

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disappointment, the only enthusi-ast I could find was Michael whose silver and red striped nail varnish matched - as he eagerly pointed out - the colour of his hair. I work in the torture garden of a sado-masuchists club," he went on to inform me winningly. "There is a stagnation in the felish scene at the moment. With this show, business will pick up again." He planted a kiss on my shoulder before scut-tling off. "Sorry,

got to get away cats and Husky will be missing me.'

l wandered through Soho on my way home. corner of Dean Street, blaznned the tacky tempta-tions of a "live show". Pole dancing was on offer at an Old Compton Street venue. Callgirls cards littered the streets: "Busty model", "Correction given". "Let me spank you". There seemed lit-

tle distinction be-

tween this world and the one from which I had emerged. The dividing line between art and pornography is often blurred. Caravaggio's Amor Vincit Omnia. portrays a cherub, legs shamelessly astride. Owned by the Marchese Vincenzo Giustiniani, it was hung behind a green silk curtain, ostensibly because it would outshine all the other paintings in his collection. But he and his brother, Cardinal Benedetto, would probably pass by from time to time and draw back the drapery for a lascivious look.

titillating peek up a woman's penicoats and Lord Leighton's Bath of Psyche seems deliberately designed to stir Victorian lusts. Pornography can be beautiful.

Fragonard's The Swing proffers a

The work of Aubrey Beardsley or Thomas Rowlandson enjoy the status of fine art. Pirelli calendars have become a collector's item. The idealisations of artful pornography play on the seductive side of sexuality. Their exquisite sense of control can be teasingly sensual. Maner's Olympia, reclined in composed perfection, stares forth from the canvas with erotic challenge.

It is when reality invades the fantasy that eroticism seeps away. The nudes of Lucian Freud, for flesh tinted with a visceral sheen.

sprawl like dead meat on a slab. They evince the same queusy response as a girl in a Soho sex show. Although admittedly curious I have never dared go to one of these shows. Stories of belligerent houncers and Brobding-

nagian bills have scared me away. But a friend told **CAMPBELL-JOHNSTON** me of one rite of passage trip. A naked girl with the emaciated body and punctured veins of a junkie, squirmed dispassionately on a

> most remembered. "It reminded me why sex and death are always supposed to be linked," he said. It is this uncomfortable closeness which Luis Buñuel captures in Un Chien Andalou with an image of a man caressing a woman's breasts as his face changes into a death mask. That a woman should be driven by addiction to earn her living in a lewd peepshow seems painfully exploitative. Suddenly, curiosity collapses into compassion.

grubby camp-bed. It was the hard

yellowed skin of her feet that he

Voyeurz, of course, is not this extreme. Though most of its cast is

well-endowed men appear at least as ridiculous as the women. And they did all choose to take part.

But the stage is a notoriously precarious profession. For a young actor or actress, struggling to make ends meet, it would take the courage of very strong convictions to turn down any West End part. It is depressing that Voyeurz should have offered them such tawdry theatre for their talents.

Last Sunday I watched a documentary celebrating 25 years of Page 3 Girls". Several of the furmer models declared that they wished they had never posed naked. Attracted, naively, by the sparkle of celebrity, almost none had gone on, as they had hoped, to careers in modelling or on the stage. It was only after she had had her first son and watched him breastfeed, said one of the girls, that she had realised how meretri-cious her breast-baring past had been. It was a poignant emotion. even more so when juxtaposed against the opinions of an editor. He discussed the girls as commodities. He chose them because they seemed the right shape for a fourcolumn picture.

ichael White, the producer of Voveurz, has several successes to his name. He could have worked to produce a far more worthwhile show for young aspirant dancers to appear in - one which they need never feel embarrassed about in later years. Instead he has relied on tawdry titillation in a piece of theatre which, in its desire to shock, has cast most craftsmanship and art aside.

In the end it is up to audiences whether they will ratify this decision. As I reached home, I passed the prostitute who plies her trade on the corner of my street. She is something of a landmark in the area. "Turn left by the blonde," people say when giving directions. "You're late Rachel, had a good night?" she asked. "Not really ... and you?" "Yeah, great," she said, patting her purse. The idea of a good night out can mean very different things to different

### Joseph Connolly, sans luggage, reports on lapel-pin swapping in Atlanta

ell. here I am in Atlanta, Georgia — and it's bloody hot. Actually, what makes you sweat is not so much the heat as the (you got it) humidity. That and the politeness. Politeness here is a sort of competition, with points for staying power under duress. longevity of smile and profu-

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sion of courtesies. People are falling over each other to thank you, apologise and thank you again. I rather like it. For once you don't feel a prat for being nice and British: open a door for a lady and she is grateful and she smiles, for God's sake.

Perfect strangers hail you in the mall and say "How are you?" with a depth of solicitousness seldom encountered among one's nearest and dearest. And because one is conditioned to answer questions when addressed, one finds oneself saying: "Well, not too bad, actually, all things considered, thanks for asking - had the makings of a cold at the beginning of the week, but it seems to be OK now - cat's looking peaky but ก๊ะy, who's complaining?" Whereupon they don't look at you as if you've just escaped from somewhere best not discussed — they say: "I'm really pleased/sorry to hear that and they really do appear so. In shops they say: Now y'all be sure to come back and see us soon, you hear?" (Yeah, they really do say yall - with no trace of irony) and you think. I really want to show this man pictures of my children, and maybe we could get together

real go of it. But let me tell you why I'm here. I'm here for the Olympic Games, courtesy of those terribly nice people at Swatch. It's a curious thing, curporate hospitality, It's all about mak-

one Christmas and make a

Even the politeness makes you sweat



All the yelling and flag-waving of the opening ceremony was carefully choreographed

ing you feel special when deep down everyone (especially you) knows that you're not. Swatch is the official timekeeper for the Games, and what it doesn't know about corporate hospitality ain't worth a damn, my dear (Gone With the Wind was written in Atlanta). My suite at the hotel. I have to say, is beautiful, and roughly the size of Reading.

Let me tell you about the opening ceremony. Did you watch it on TV? Three-and-ahalf billion people tuned in live, we were told (God knows how many corpses), which I guess makes me kinda famous, boy. All the yelling and flag-waving was carefully choreographed, you know. We were all sitting there for a

couple of hours in the 96degree cool of the evening, and a very nice white man and an equally pleasant black lady alternated in giving us instructions so detailed that many passed out under the strain of it all.

Some British hacks, faced with the attendant headache of trying to remember just when to bark out "Welcome!", flash one's flashlight or wave one's hanky, could cope only by way of copious Anadin washed down by a vase of Coke (they think big in Georgia: this is always on my mind). I couldn't get the hang of it at all because they were also telling us to drink loads of "fluids"; I tell you that shouting out "Woo, woo! Way to go!" while waving a scarf, whistling, flashing your torch and getting down loads of "fluids" is by no means an easy ride and all you end up with is spillage on your props.

The British could barely conceal their anxiety because it's all very well saying "drink. drink, drink" but we had also been told that if you left the stadium there was no coming back and so indelibly etched into the consciousness of Her Majesty's press was "Oh dear God, five hours and no loo maybe it would be more politic to die of dehydration". Added to that, the only time in

shower in the privacy of your personal asylum. Even President Clinton at

one point (the point you'd expect — when Martin Luther King's greatest hit speech was tannoyed to the masses) appeared overcome. According to USA Today, he was "tearing up" (not pronounced as you might expect - think weepy). Anyway, there was buckets

of enthusiasm: Peter Fonda was cool (his torso is one foot long and his legs comprise the other five) and Spike Lee was shouting: "Just one photo-graph, and that's it!" (He was saying this for ages.) And people were eagerly swapping lapel pins. Yeah, lapel pins. They cover their luminous shorts, sweatpants, sweatshirts, baseball-cap sweatbands (any number of sweaty things) with these little enamel badges that are a sort of divine and potent mission in these parts. People have been forcibly relieved of their lapel pins, a policeman was telling me, by the straightforward expedient of blowing their heads off with a Magnum and moving on.

id I tell you they lost my luggage? Yeah. I've just heard (three days later) that it's in Dallas. My suitcase is better travelled than I am — I've never been to Texas, I'm going to eat now: I could go to the "Lettuce Ouprise You" joint downtown, but I feel inclined to plump for Bone's Steakhouse which claims: "We give not only fine beef, but our hearts as well".

PS. Luggage hasn't turned up. Was last sighted in Fort Worth, heading south. My wife phoned last night, apparently. "Oh yeah," the girl said. "You want the man with no clothes!" It's not easy is it? And it's bloody hot.

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Just a mo: what's le mot juste for this Frenchman's toes?

cannot remember the word for toe. No. no, of course not that word for toe, you can see I have remembered that, what I cannot remember is the French word for toe. I am standing here on the Antibes beach, on my own ten toes, and staring down at them as if, I don't know, the shape of them, the disposition, the way I am wiggling them, will somehow jog the memory. I have even gone so far as to hurtle down the arches of the years to fetch up at a blackboard on which Eirlys Thomas, MA (Cardiff) is doing parts of the body. How about that?

I can go back 40 years to dredge up my French teacher's Christian name, her alma mater, but not her word for toe. Look, she has drawn a mannikin on the board, and I can see her point to his genou, descend her chalk and point to his pied, but when her chalk gets to the end of his pied - nothing.

You are a caring readership, I know, and you will have become concerned about all this. Has he, you fret, hurt his toe in some way, had a crab on the end of it, trod on something, trod in something, got it sunburnt, found a verruca under it, and does he now need to communicate this to the local emergency services? No (but thank you for asking) it is none of these. This is not about the toes I am standing on, it is about the toes the man over there by the beach-bar is stand-ing on; because while I, as you have heard, am standing on ten, he is standing on 12.

Do not stare at them. That is the mistake I made. I came out of the sea a few minutes ago, and because the sea was the Mediterranean one - do you know the French for drain, by the way? It is l'égout - the first thing I did was rush under the beach shower before ten billion bacteria could unpack and go to work. That there was already someone under it did not matter, we are a friendly lot on this beach, not to say so commendably post-sexist that I have often shared a douche with those of a differently topless persuasion, but on this occasion I did not have to be circumspect, even with my eyes. Would that I had: for, as I glanced down, I saw that, beneath me, there were 22 toes, and, God help me, I looked up at him, and then looked down again, and, worst of all, looked down long enough for him to have no doubt at all about what I was now doing. I was counting. Just to make sure. Then I looked up again, and caught his eye — not difficult, it was watching me like a CCTV camera — and he grinned, and shrugged, and, after a moment or two, walked out of the douche and, smoothing his hair back, towards the bar.

After a bit, I walked out of it myself. I wanted a drink, too, but more than that, I wanted to apologise. In truth, I couldn't get a drink without apologising: I could not follow a 12-toed man to a bar when our only previous social contact had been my shameless preoccupation with his pedal quirk.

But the word for toe has gone. I know I had it once, but I do not have it now, and without it, how can I apologise? A general apology will not do, because his natural response will surely be to ask me what I am apologising for, and I am unable to tell him that I am apologising for staring at his toes. That I know the word for feet (see above) does not help: by apologising for staring at his feet, I shall seem to be studiously avoiding mentioning his toes. I cannot, since you ask, just stroll over to the bar, smile, and say nothing. This man knows I am interested in his toes. He may even think I do not want a drink at all. I want only to have another sly shufti at his round dozen.

I know what you're going to suggest. You're going to suggest that I go up to someone else on the beach and ask them what the word for toe is. Thanks. You realise what that would involve? It would involve pointing at my own toe. And suppose the man at the bar saw me doing that, and talking, and then, as one does, smiling. laughing even? The only safe course of action would be to get changed, go into town, find a bookshop, look up the word for toe, come back, strip again, and then go up to him. Fine. Even if he had not by then gone, he would no longer be at the bar, I should have to find him wherever he was, leaving him to conclude that I was not merely interested in his bloody toes, I was obsessed by them.
I do not know what to do. This is a tricky

situation. Really freaky.



SOXTY FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND TWELVE, SIXTY FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTEEN . . . . .

# Blair's cap doesn't fit

omething strange comes over Tony Blair when he talks about local government. He gazes down at his boots or up at the ceiling. The sentence-with-a-smile begins as usual, with the tightening of the upper lip and downward chop of the hand. Then he gets to the awkward bit. There is a telltale moment of hesitancy. The voice falls an octave. The weasel words are raced out and he quickly returns to balmy platitude.

As Mr Blair battles through today's Shadow Cabinet elections, the taproom gossip is about the awful things the parliamentary Left has in store for him in government. Watch Mr Livingstone or Mr Flynn or Ms Abbott, we are told. Watch for the first Cabinet walkouts, Clare Short perhaps, or Margaret Beckett or the Hezza of the lower deck, John Prescott.

The gossip is wrong. The skeletons in Mr Blair's cupboard are rattling elsewhere. Yesterday they gathered under the aegis of the Local Government Asso-ciation at London's QEII conference centre, to be addressed by Mr Blair himself. They come from the city Labour parties of Manchester and Liverpool. Birmingham and Newcastle, Bristol and Edinburgh. They are the three-quarters of Britain whose local administration is currently under some form of Labour control. They are 11,000 serving Labour councillors, the roots, trunk and branches of new Labour. The parliamentary party is but seasonal blossom. John Major's hostility to localism has

driven Tory activists to despair and oblivion. Even in the counties he has stripped them of power and privilege. They have folded their tents and gone home. One reason for the lack of Tory response to the current economic good news is that there is nothing on which it can build. Conservatism has lost its community leaders, its saloon bar cronies. Mr Major set out in 1990 to crush them, to disprove the sacred maxim that "all politics is local politics". He is still trying.

Mr Blair wants to "breathe new life into local democracy". The litmus test of such a claim is simple. It is not directly elected mayors, though Mr Blair's support for them could prove one of the most exciting innovations in British politics since the war. It is not returning nealth or further education to local government or getting more councillors into quango jobs. The test is ratecapping. Rate-capping, introduced into For all its promises to restore local

government, Labour has become as

centralist as the Conservatives

Britain in 1984, did more to sap responsibility from local democracy than the poll tax and council tax combined. The related seizure by the Treasury of business rates was the biggest ever act of "nationalisation". Some £14 billion worth of revenue moved from the control of local electorates to the Exchequer. This passed undebated in Parliament, uninvestigated by any select committee and unmentioned

Capping had nothing to do with poll tax, which was originally proposed to increase, not diminish, local accountabilretain power to protect local taxpayers ity. It was a means to get all British taxes from excessive increases."

under Treasury control. Margaret Thatcher could not bear the sight of any corner of the kingdom defying her orders. Central government's contribution to local spending duly rose from 40 per cent in 1984 to above 80 per cent today. Its control over that spending is probably 95 per cent.

The effect has been disastrous for the public finances. Prior to 1984, local spending rose slower than central spending. Afterwards, it rose as fast, if not faster. Previously thrifty councils spent up to the cap limit. For the past decade, central government has poured out subsidies to local taxpayers, adding up to 4p to the basic rate of income tax. VAT also rose by 20 per cent.

This is the cause of the Tory party's vulnerability to the charge of "extra taxes". Ministers seem to believe that the more public spending is brought directly under their control, the lower it is likely to be. They believe that Whitehall is inherently more careful with public money than the town or county halls collectively. There is not a shred of evidence for this smug assumption.

So what of Labour? The party opposed both capping and the seizure of the business rate. It promised to reverse them. Nothing could have been easier than to maintain that pledge, but Mr Blair now

says only that he will "end crude council tax-capping." The word "crude" is a recent insertion. Connoisseurs of political grammar will spot the cumning. Does Mr Blair mean to end all ratecapping, which he regards as crude, or end only such capping as he chooses to define as crude? The former indicates a belief in local discretion; the latter a belief that the Treasury knows best. The answer is the latter. "We do not believe it is right," said Mr Blair yesterday, "that central government should universally

> These are the words used by Margaret Thatcher in introducing rate-capping in 1984. The sole point of capping was to curb "excessive increases". It was a political assault on a dozen councils that were taxing and spending through the roof. Local

electors should have been left to throw these councils out. Already in the middle 1980s. Labour militants were being ousted by moderates, and Liberal Democrats were on the attack. Local accountability was working.

ony Blair now appears to be drifting towards the same atti-tude as Margaret Thatcher. His belief that "any government must retain reserve powers over rates is a denial not only of what happens abroad, but of what happened in Britain before 1984. The essence of the ballot is precisely to curb "excessive tax increases". The local ballot needs reform to make it more accountable, not centralisation to make it less so. Mr Blair suggests that accountability can be met by reserve capping powers and an expanded battery of auditors and regu-lators. I wonder what he (or Mr Major) would say if Brussels proposed a similar regime for Britain's fiscal policy under a single currency.

Labour has bought lock, stock and barrel the Treasury thesis that all public spending is a seamless web. Local councils can be allowed discretion over how to administer a service, but not over aggregate spending. It is a central government agent. A council can raise charges at will, but not taxes at will. It can sell assets, but not reinvest the money. Even the famous council-house sales revenue will be released by the

Treasury, says Mr Blair, only "on a phased basis". That is the present Government's policy.

Indeed mayors, Mr Blair's local government arrives in indigringuishable from ment policy is indistinguishable from that of the Tories. He appears to intend no change to the capping regime at all. When he says that "councils will have choice and flexibility . . . in stark contrast to the current approach". I cannot see what he is talking about. The words are foam. As for the one-time promise to restore the business rate to local councils, it has vanished in the wind.

This means that under Labour there would be no check on council spending except through the medium of central government and its agencies. The cap will remain for all councils in so far as it remains for "excessive" ones. I predict that local spending will be pushed upwards as it has been under the Tories. Worse, Mr Blair will find militants creeping back into positions of power on local councils, shielded from irresponsibility by capping, manoeuvring their union friends back into leverage. Here is the rebirth of local industrial strife.

Mr Blair is rightly terrified that leftwing councils may blot his escutcheon, as they did Jim Callaghan's and Neil Kinnock's before him. He is reluctant to surrender a short-term disciplinary weapon, capping, that might keep them under some control. Yet capping encouraged militancy by centralising blame for poor services. Uncapping is far more effective, since it returns accountability to local democracy. Remove capping, reform local councils and the electors can be left to slaughter the militants.

The only virtue of poll tax, in its original, untried (and uncapped) form, was that it proposed just this. Decisions on local taxes would lie with local electors. If they did not like their councillors' decisions, they could throw them out the more so if everyone paid something But that was the one virtue in the poll tax that Margaret Thatcher abandoned. Perhaps the time has come to reassert it.

### Modernise but don't privatise

Gordon Brown

defends Labour's

radical credentials

ast week's document leaked to The Times from inside the Treasury considered only one path of reform for Britain's welfare state: an American-style New Right retrenchment of its functions and services. But it is quite wrong to suggest, as many commentators have, that the only debate is between privatisation and the status quo, and by implication to criticise

Labour for opposing change.

Labour agrees that the status quo is not an option. Too many people in Britain today are not working, condemned to poverty and social deprivation. For them, and millions more in insecure employment, the welfare state is failing. The real debate is between privatisation. increasingly advocated on the Right,

and modernisation of the welfare state.

Today's welfare state is failing to put people back to work and to promote independence, self-sufficiency and security. Since 1979, long-term unemployment has increased from 350,000 to more than 800,000; the number dependent on means-tested benefits has risen from 17 to 36 per cent of the population; and the number of workless households has risen from one in 12 to one in five. This is why welfare spending on nonpensioner households has increased by 250 per cent since 1979. The consequences are clear. Income inequality is now higher than at any time this century; inequality is growing faster in Britain than in any other Western country, and the number of people in poverty has grown to one in three.

This is a consequence of economic failure. But it is also a symptom of a welfare state which has not been modernised to take account of the end of jobs for life, the growth of part-time employment and falling demand for unskilled workers.

The Tory response to the inadequacies of the welfare state is to suggest that it is unaffordable and must be dismantled. The significance of the Treasury document is that it reflects the thinking of the ascendant Tory Right. Compulsory in-surance for invalidity benefit, unemployment benefits and even the basic state pension are all on the hit-list of a Conservative Party that believes we

cannot afford the welfare state. Yet all the evidence suggests that wholesale private provision of benefits will drastically increase charges for people, compound insecurity and, as the evidence of the private pensions hascos of the past few years shows, leave many without proper provision.

Labour's response to the failure of the status quo is very different. The dominant feature of the years to 2015 will not just be the rapidity of change, amid new waves of technological progress, but the need to reassess completely the role of government — not, as sometimes in the past, acting as a substitute for individual responsibility, but enabling individuals

to realise their full potential. Labour has a four-pronged strategy to modernise the welfare state. First, we have set out a costed programme to ensure that every young person unemployed for more than six months will receive either a job offer, through tax rebates to the private or voluntary sector. or the opportunity to learn new skills. New opportunities demand new responsibilities. A life on permanent benefit cannot be an option for young people.

econdly, we shall provide opportunities for people to save for the future and to improve their skills.

Our proposed Individual Savings Account will help people to save for retirement. Everyone will have the chance to contribute to an Individual Learning Account, with special help for the unemployed. And we shall ensure that every 16 to 18-year-old studies in order to achieve a basic minimum 5. education and skills. It is because the status quo is not working that we are undertaking a review of all public spending on post-16 education, including child benefit for that age-group.

Thirdly, Labour will ease the poverty traps that prevent many people from taking jobs that are on offer. Chris Smith, Labour's social security spokesman, has recently made a number of proposals for pilot schemes to investigate means to tackle this problem, so that the Employment Service is not just about paying benefits, but about getting people into work. And as part of our modernisation of benefits, we will introduce a minimum wage to underpin the benefit system and to ensure that benefits for those in work. such as Family Credit, help those in genuine need, rather than subsidising Fourthly, just as it is wrong to have penal rates of taxation for those at the top, so it cannot be right that lowearners should face punitive marginal tax and benefit rates. That is why, in contrast to the Government's long-term aim of abolishing inheritance tax and capital gains tax. Labour's aim is to reduce tax rates and cut benefit tapers at the bottom of the income scale.

So Labour will act in government as a vehicle for change, preparing Britain for the new millennium. But we reject the proposal for a Republican-style privatisation of the welfare state - the Tory programme for a fifth term. I do not believe that the British people want a country further divided, more unequal, with greater insecurity for all. Our plan for government is to modernise the welfare state, promoting work, choice and independence to ensure security and opportunity for all.

P·H·S The author is Shadow Chancellor and MP for Dunfermline East.

### Shore, shore

ANOTHER winning idea from Labour's inspirational deputy leader, John Prescott. He says he wants Labour activists to set up Punch-and-Judy-style booths at the seaside this summer as part of a campaign to target tourists.

"We'll fight the Tories on the beaches," rumbles pudding-face Prescott threateningly, sporting a new Labour handkerchief on his huge head. "We are going to give our people a bucket and spade and a pledge-card and send them out into the sunshine to soak up the

Prescott hopes to find converts among the 16 million visitors to the South West this season. He wants information and recruitment stalls on promenades and piers alongside the ice-cream

Ron Morrison-Smith, chief executive of the West Country Tourist Board, is sceptical about brother Prescott's vision. "I think they will have to choose their locations very carefully," he says. Not everyone will be impressed by the introduction of politics into Punch-and-Judy booths, though at least it will take attention away from the topless bathers." Conservatives are less subtle. "We'll topple him from his sandcastle," said one MP thuggishly. "and then kick sand in his face."

• The luminous London taxi driven daily to the House of Commons by Simon Hughes, sandal-wearer and environment spokesman for the Liberal Democrats, is upsetting fellow MPs. They complain that he parks the ridiculous vehicle in a slot reserved for the



"Months of beefburgers and suddenly it's all lamb chops"



disabled. His office is appalled by the slur. "Not true," they splutter. "It's parked next door to the disabled bays, not in them."

### Team colours

HE MAY have been banned from driving in February, but that hasn't deterred the Benetton Formula One team from taking on Jamie Blandford, wayward son of the Duke of Mariborough. He has

just landed a job as organiser of VIP hospitality for the outfit. This is his second recent job in motor-racing. His last, as marketing director of racing-car company Brodie Brittain Racing of Brackley, ended ignominiously when he was found slumped over the wheel of his company Escort Cosworth on the A44 at Begbroke, in Oxford-shire. When police found him, he asked them which part of London

he was in. Benetton insists that he has no need of a car in his

 The lightning strike at Buckingham Palace yesterday brings to mind the day in 1955 when the Queen narrowly escaped a similar incident because of a rail strike. A woman was killed and 46 others injured while sheltering from a storm by the Royal Box at an Ascot race meeting. The rail strike had forced the postponement of Royal Ascot, so Her Majesty stayed at home at a Buckingham Palace for a garden party.

### Written off

STUFFED SHIRTS at Buckingham Palace are doing their best to stymie the Daily Mirror's campaign to have the Princess of Wales restored to HRH status. First obstacle is the Queen's Proctor, the messy maritals fixer for the royals, who has refused to accept the 80,000-plus petitions so far collected by the Mirror. Buckingham Palace, meanwhile, refuses to open the Proctor's post.

Time for a blindside move. "We're going to have to go straight to the Queen," says the paper's Editor, Piers "Guten" Morgan. "She can't refuse 80.000 letters from her subjects. The Proctor's being a typical little proctor,



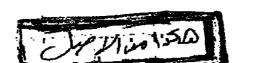
so we're going to have to go straight to the horse's mouth, if you'll pardon the expression."

### Half price

DESPITE the luke-warm audience response at the first night of Voyeurz, the smutty show carries a strict bar on under-18s. On Monday, one 17-year-old in a transparent dress leaving nothing to the imagination, slipped through the net on the arm of Peter

Stringfellow, 55. It was Helen Benoist, the ageing nightclubber's girlfriend.

"She's seen it all before," he boasted, shimmering in a synthetic suit of his own and professing ignorance of the under-age rule. The theatre admitted that it had been caught on the hop. "We somehow assumed that a person of his advancing years would not be bringing a child."





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### A DEPRESSING RESHUFFLE

Clarke will now face no internal dissent

The Treasury has become a sceptic-free zone. With the departure of David Heathcoat-Amory. Kenneth Clarke has managed to reintroduce to his department his old PPS. Philip Oppenheim, a man who shares his federalist views. Any economic arguments against a single currency will now have to be made from outside.

Yesterday, Mr Heathcoat-Amory made them with admirable force in his pamphlet published by the Bruges Group. A lapidary piece of writing, it marshals a fine collection of unanswerable objections to tying diverse countries together in one exchange rate.

Neatly he demolishes the main claims. If Britain stayed out of EMU, would it not lose inward investment? No, the relative depreciation of sterling has not prevented Britain from winning 40 per cent of American and Japanese direct investment in the EU. Far more important than exchange rates are costs, taxes, labour relations and language. Does not a single market need a single currency? The North American Free Trade Area has managed perfectly well without one. And given that more than half Britain's trade takes place with non-EU countries, the euro might actually be set at the wrong rate for Britain against their currencies. The (not very substantial) costs to businesses and individuals of exchanging currencies would fall, but these should be set against the immense costs to banks and retailers of changing to the euro.

Then Mr Heathcoat-Amory makes a forceful case against the single currency, one which every British politician should read. Monetary union can only work in an area. such as the United States, which has high labour mobility, labour flexibility and wages that move down as well as up. Otherwise depressed regions or countries remain depressed, with stubbornly high unemployment. They cannot depreciate their currencies or cut interest rates or increase their deficits in order to reflate their economics,

Even in America, though, where the necessary economic conditions exist, the federal government still has to smoothe out differences between rich and poor states through its own taxes and spending. If the European Union (which has none of the mobility or flexibility of America) wanted to do the same, it would have to ask member states to contribute four to five times the amount that they already do to Union funds. Britain's net contribution is already £38 billion. Would any Parliament sanction an increase to nearer £200 billion?

There is no indication that Mr Clarke has thought through these problems. The depressing element about the reshuffle is that the debate will now not even take place in the Treasury. The band of federalists in the Tory party may be dwindling, but Mr Clarke has managed to find one who will show no dissent. His department will now be wholly removed from the prevailing views on the government benches.

The other depressing aspect to this otherwise trivial rearrangement is what did not happen. Sir Nicholas Lyell, despite having been lacerated in the Scott report, remains Attorney-General. Douglas Hogg. surely one of the least competent Agriculture Ministers in memory, stays with the slurry. Other unimpressive Cabinet ministers remain to struggle on.

The trouble is that there are hardly mobs of talented ministers beating down the Cabinet door - though it is encouraging to see David Willetts rewarded with a promotion. One sign of a long drawn-out administration is that there are more gifted ex-ministers on the back benches than there are promising newcomers on their way up. Cabinets need a few "big beasts" in them; sadly none are now prowling outside the compound.

### A PROCESS CONTINUES

Israel and the Palestine National Authority make progress

A meeting that ends with the pledge to hold more meetings may not seem especially exciting; but the talks held yesterday between Yassir Arafat and David Levy, the Israeli Foreign Minister, achieved much simply by being the first to involve a member of the new Israeli Cabinet. At the same time Binyamin Netanyahu eased the restrictions on Arabs from the West Bank and Gaza working inside Israel, imposed in response to the wave of suicide bornbings earlier this year.

These developments should be set against the gloomy predictions in many quarters that the electoral victory last May of the coalition led by Likud meant the end of the peace process. The cautious resumption of dialogue with the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) reflects the inadequacies of that interpretation rather than any fundamental change in Mr Netanyahu. Reconciliation between Jews and Palestinians was so clearly in the interests of both parties that it was never likely to be jettisoned overnight. The peace process has changed emphasis but not purpose. A complete breakdown in order on the West Bank and Gaza Strip would threaten both Likud and the PNA: the

desire to avoid that draws the two together. The resumption of political contacts now has to be taken two steps further, both of which will require greater flexibility from the Israeli Prime Minister. The first is the need to end the uncertainty about the redeployment of the Israeli Army in Hebron. where Likud needs to balance its obligations to honour the existing commitment to withdraw with legitimate concerns for the security of Israeli settlers. A compromise should be possible. The second is that at some point Mr Netanyahu will need to deal

directly and personally with Mr Arafat. The "final status" talks which began last May would have been difficult whichever Israeli party was in power - any Israeli goverment would have had to demonstrate that the result is, in the words of Mr Netanyahu's campaign pledge, a "secure peace" for Israel. What will be required over the next six months is rather less in the way of spectacular summitry, beyond that necessary for inter-authority machinery to run smoothly, and more of the sort of practical benefits signified by the easing of work permits. The process will grow in popular authority the more it can demonstrate tangible results.

Thus the agenda should focus on economic development and trade, infrastructure modernisation, and the sharing of key resources such as water, through a practical partnership between Israel, Jordan, and the PNA. These are the real quality of life issues in the region. As Mr Arafat helps to deliver progress of this sort, and a credible security policy, Mr Netanyahu should agree to greater autonomy in broader areas for the PNA. At this stage, speculation over what role, if any, Damascus might play or the ultimate status of Jerusalem is far more likely to sow divisions that extremists will exploit than to yield anything positive. Likud's tough line on terrorism may make it easier for it to experiment in these areas than was true for Labour.

The Arafat-Levy meeting is a promising beginning. A steady political dialogue creates the conditions for mutually beneficial co-operation on the ground. But it is on these bread and butter questions, rather than high diplomacy, that the pace of the process will ultimately prosper or falter.

### YULE IN JULY

If you believe in Father Christmas, please log on

Christmas comes, but once a year is enough. Except in Copenhagen, where the 33rd World Santa Claus Congress opened yesterday. More than 150 Father Xmases from 18 countries sweated through the city, intoning their national versions of "Ho, ho, ho" in the heatwave, whiskers and fur-trimmed scarlet shellsuits, they sounded "Hot, hot, hot". They were escorted by the Nordic elves who help them to deal out the presents. visited Parliament and ate a Christmas lunch with inspiriting Yuletide punch.

Most people go through three Santa Claus phases. First they believe in Santa Claus. Then they do not believe in Santa Claus. And finally they are Santa Claus. Moreover, for most people Christmas is the time when their credit card overdrafts are seasonally adjusted. However, that is no reason to shoot Father Christmas in July as unseasonal. Christmas is merely the outward and visible sign of his job of goodwill, just as his Sunday sermon should be the apex of the parson's week, not his job description.

For Father Christmas is big in Copenhagen. This is partly because of the Hans Andersen factor of sentimentality about children. But also because letters addressed to Father Christmas at the North Pole are disingenuously handled by the Royal Danish post office, with concomitant commercial and publicity crackers. And this year's Santa Claus Congress has to discuss a threat to its industry from cyberspace. Internet offers 1.100 different addresses for "Santa". The fear is that once computer-literate children

discover this, they will conclude, in the words of the sledgeman of the congress, Ib Groth Rasmussen, that "the whole thing is a load of tosh", as well as a commercial rip-off. So the deconstructionist version now says

that there is not one single Father Christmas but a global network of Santas and elves operating an express delivery service. Father Christmas has already gone through enough transformations to make his postmodernist manifestation plausible. The child-loving bishop of Myra in Lycia became Saint Nikolaus, who bribed children with a stocking if they were good, and threatened them with a stick if they were bad. And then he was changed into the alarming old unisex person, smelling of beer after lunch, who terrorises the hyperstores of modern conspicuous shopping from October onwards.

And children as well as the children industry may find this latest version of the Father Christmas story acceptable. A multinational consortium of benevolent flying executives is as plausible to the modern child as a bumbling old fellow in a long white beard and red dressing-gown. And in any case children are as practical about Christmas as politicians are about election returns. Father Christmas's stocking may be in. But there is the Uncle John return to be declared. and the Aunt Isabel ward still to come in. Children believe in what they can see and work. So the modern Yuletide instruction is not, "If you believe in Father Christmas, post your letter up the chimney." It goes, "If you believe in Father Christmas, log on."

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Meeting criteria for monetary union

#### Support for postal privatisation plan From Mr George Guise

Sir, The Government's intention to suspend the Post Office monopoly unless postal workers call off their strike action (report, July 23) is correct. If it does not do so, it will be preventing the independent delivery of private letters when people who have protected

jobs in the Royal Mail are refusing to

make deliveries No modern government is elected to deliver letters, parcels and magazines, any more than it is elected to prevent the free market causing these things to happen automatically and efficiently.

Suspending the monopoly is neither provocative nor doctrinaire. It is simply a modern response to a Neunderthat threat, permitting market forces to do what the strikers will not. This is quite different from using the Army to drive ambulances or transport coal.

If new Labour does not support suspension in the event of a continuous strike, it will reveal much about the reative importance they ascribe to an eflicient infrastructure.

Those "Clause 4 Conservatives" who frustrated privatisation, on the spurious grounds that it would lead to inefficiency, should be deeply asham-ed at this, the first blight of an industry which they have left to wither on

Yours faithfully, GEORGE GUISE (Prime Minister's Policy Unit (1986-90)), 90 Lungacre, WC2.

#### Gift to Oxford

From Mr George Racz

Sir, You report today that Mr Wafic Said's gift of £20 million to Oxford University may not be accepted because of the donor's "business background". The inference of your report is that

opposition to the gift is based on Mr Said's help to British Aerospace in clinching an arms deal with Saudi

It is offensive, and it will deter from further offers those whose munificence has kept our most prestigious institutions alive, if before a donation is accepted the donor has to prove that the moneys offered did not come from arms deals, or from the killing of endangered species, or the sale of seal-

The potential use of money is far more important than its origin. Let us accept all donations with gratitude, without investigating their proven-

Yours faithfully, GEORGE RACZ, 7 Wellington House, Eton Road, NW3. July 17.

#### Stone of Scone

From Mr R. G. C. Cowe

Sir. Now that the Stone of Scone is back in the news (letters, July 17), I think it timely to recall what I suggested to you in a letter 45 years ago (January 6, 1951) about the Stone's eventual resting place. My suggestion is still relevant.

Some want the Stone to be north of the Tweed; others want it to be on English soil. As a native of the only town in the Kingdom which fulfils both of these requirements - Berwick-upon-Tweed — may I recom-mend that the Stone should come to

Not only would this be acceptable to the shade of Edward I; it would also give a welcome acknowledgement to the commendable efforts of the good folk of Berwick in the field of historic conservation.

Yours faithfully COLLIN COWE. Brook End, Chadlington, Oxford.

From Dr Denis O'Brien

Sir, It is true, as Mr Geoffrey Hinton tells us (letter, July 17) that, despite the ravages of the revolution, the former Abbey of St Denis outside Paris does still contain a splendid series of royal

But unfortunately that is only half the truth. The royal tombs of St Denis are today, all of them, empty.

Yours faithfully, DENIS O'BRIEN, Château du Chalange 61390 Courtomer, Orne, France.

#### Salmon stocks

From the Secretary of the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organisation (Nasco)

Sir, Mr Orri Vigfusson, Chairman of the North Atlantic Salmon Fund, refers in his letter of July 13 to the failure of Nasco to reach a salmon quota this year for West Greenland. In fact the 1995 Nasco quota for Greenland was iust 77 tonnes, and for 1996 Nasco was discussing a quota of similar levels a far cry from the catches of over 2,500 tonnes taken at West Greenland before Nasco was formed in 1984.

Sadly, the problem is much more complex than Mr Vigfusson appears to realise. The main threats to the future of the wild salmon lie in huge los-

ses in its habitat in fresh water; in illegal fishing; in fishing by flag states not party to the Nasco Convention; in the potential for unknown genetic impacts from escaped farmed salmon; in the transmission of diseases and parasites to wild stocks from salmon in sea cages; in the impact of predators and of industrial fishing; and in losses seemingly due to unfavourable marine conditions that we do not under-

stand. There is also the question of overfishing; but the level of fishing for salmon has been drastically reduced almost everywhere in the North Atlantic as a conservation measure, in recogni-

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demands at home as part of an economic panacea, he seems to damn abroad as a failure to deal with unemployment.

reduced interest rates and faster eco-

nontic growth, But what Redwood

Finding money for tax cuts, or otherwise, is a domestic problem and

states can choose to cut taxes as much has nothing to do with the criteria for as they like as long as they cut spendmonutary union ing as well: the criteria simply seek to Isn't it time for the anti-Europeans to stop using the European Union as a cipline by keeping borrowing under scapegoat for all their frustrations and

to engage in a serious debate about

whether Britain should participate in

cases make a future seem more possi-

ble. There are, of course, no statistics

Chief Executive, The Samaritans,

10 The Grove. Slough. Berkshire.

Sir, ChildLine did not put the fear of

exams into children. It was there al-

While insisting that "the over-

whelming majority of students . . . are

not unduly concerned about their ex-ams or schoolwork". George Turnbull takes ChildLine to task over its re-

search into young people's attitudes to

Nowhere did we suggest that the young people in our schools survey

who said they were worried about

their exams felt suicidal; however, 13

of the 196 children who called Child-

Line last year about exams said they

were feeling suicidal - and one said

that she had actually attempted sui-

We make no apology whatsoever

for alerting parents to the need to sup-

port their children through a stressful

European monetary union when it is ing and high taxes or low spending established in three years time? and low taxes. This is rightly a matter for domestic debate. What they cannot Yours faithfully, STEPHEN WOODARD. In order to fulfil the criteria for Director.

for suicides prevented.

From the Chief Executive

of ChildLine

examinations.

Yours faithfully.

VALERIE HOWARTH,

Royal Mail Building,

Studd Street, NI.

Chief Executive, ChildLine,

ready.

Yours sincerely, SIMON ARMSON,

monetary union many member states European Movement -United Kingdom. are doing exactly what Redwood Dean Bradley House. would advocate as a first step to eco-52 Horseferry Road, SWI, July 3. nomic recovery; cutting spending to reduce public horrowing, leading to

### Children's fears of exam pressure

From the Chief Executive of The Samaritans

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From the Director of

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Sir, The tax-curring policies advocated

by John Redwood in his populist arti-

cle of July 18, "Clark must live within our means", are not precluded by the

munetary union criteria. Member

ensure public-sector budgetary dis-

Member states within the future

monetary union can have high spend-

Sir, George Turnbull, spokesman for the Associated Examining Board and Southern Examining Group, claims (Education, July 19) that ChildLine and Samaritan "spin doctors" fuel fear in schools at exam time.

Last August. The Samaritans conducted an awareness-raising campaign when exam results came out; and, this summer, the charity will again advertise on radio stations with the message, "Whatever you're going through, we'll go through it with you".

Such publicity aims to emphasise the importance of talking about feelings before they become potentially overwhelming, and to make sure young people realise that The Samaritans are there to help them, if ever they want to talk to someone in confidence. We do not believe that such publicity exacerbates young

people's problems. We make no claims that exams increase suicide rates, but we are targeting young people at a time when some may feel under intense strain. Disappointments can be intense. An accumulation of pressures — exams, family or personal expectations, growing independence - could lead a young person to despair and the contemplation of suicide.

It is all too easy for adults to dismiss the highly charged emotions that teenagers experience. The Samaritans take them seriously. Talking and finding yourself listened to can help put the future into perspective, in some

### Pub names

From Norroy & Ulster King of Arms Sir, I thoroughly sympathise with Nicholas Winterton's campaign to

save our old pub names (letters, July 18, 20, 22). In 1978 I was told that the brewery and the local authority had no powers to stop the new owner of the "Salmon & Ball" in Bethnal Green from renaming it "Tipples". The inn had been a landmark since at least the early 18th century and had witnessed many historic events including the hanging of

rebellious weavers. Such houses are often built on street corners and, where redevelopment has taken place, can provide the only remaining link with a bygone street pattern.

Their names are part of our cultural history and only a few months ago 1 was asked to write a foreword to a well-illustrated Japanese book on historic English pub signs which I am told is selling well.

Yours faithfully, HUBERT CHESSHYRE, Norroy & Ulster King of Arms. Queen Victoria Street, EC4.

From Mr George Ball

Sir. Pub names belong to the nation. For travellers they are at once a history book, an art gallery and a source of delight (the first words which my infant daughter ever read to me were The Fox").

For drinkers the only name that counts is that of the licensee: the man who keeps an orderly house, who cashes a cheque, who takes a message and who on occasion provides an alibi. Within that fraternity the pub is often known by a former landlord's name.

It is to cover the dearth of great landlords that the marketing men of the pub chains are trying to standardise this part of our unique heritage and kid us that all of their pubs are the same. They are not.

GEORGE BALL, The Wall House, Wimborne Road, Leicester.

From Mr Stephen Cox

Sir. The debate about pub names, however welcome, is missing a much wider issue. Historic pub interiors are being destroyed, the cosy multi-room floor plan eliminated, and some unfortunate pubs receive drastic refurbishment every three to five years.

CAMRA's concern is for the pub as a whole. Certainly there are cases where the change of name removes an historic landmark, or where the name change is part of much wider changes. But no doubt "The Railway" and "The Garibaldi" were tasteless modern names in their time. To save the pub's name and lose its soul is a pyrrhic vic-

Yours faithfully. STEPHEN COX (Campaigns manager). Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA). 230 Hatfield Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire. July 22.

From Mrs D. Sullivan

Sir, In Warrington there was a pub in the 1730s called the "Bricklayers Arms". In the 1790s it became "The Dog and Partridge". In 1798 it became "The Jolly Butcher". In 1810 it became "The Curriers Arms". In the 1830s it became the "Saint Patrick". In the 1840s it went back to "The Curriers Arms". It kept this last name until its closure in 1893.

Yours faithfully, DOROTHY SULLIVAN. 8 Menin Avenue, Warrington, Cheshire.

tion of obligations under the Nasco Treaty. That is one reason why we see such a fall in catches.

Commercial netting occurs in some countries, and Nasco deals with any international issues in this area; but it cannot intervene in sharing the catch between the commercial fishermen and anglers of one party to the treaty. It is unfortunate that Mr Vigfusson should attack an inter-governmental body, acting internationally to conserve salmon, on such a narrow issue.

Yours sincerely, MALCOLM WINDSOR, Secretary, North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organisation (Nasco). 11 Rutland Square, Edinburgh.

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#### German 'Creation' at the Proms

From Professor Emeritus Nicholas Temperley

Sir, Richard Morrison ("First Night of the Proms". later editions, July 20) questions the decision to sing Haydn's The Creation in German to an English audience because, he says, "Haydn was inspired to write it by the English chural tradition", and "It de-mands a direct link to the listener." He is quite right, but the reasons are

much weightier than those he offers. The original text was English and was adapted to German by Haydn's patron, Gottfried van Swieten, in such a way that the German text would fit as closely as possible to the English (including the Authorised Version) in sense and rhythm. When Haydn wrote the music he had both texts in mind. He set the German and hoped that the English would fit equally

well, although in practice Swieten had to make many further adjustments. The point is that Haydn wanted his masterpiece to be performed in England, to be well understood there, and to take its place beside Handel's ora-torios. After all, it had originally been commissioned by Salomon for performance in London. Haydn himself published the full score in 1800 with bilingual (German/English) title-page and text. Rather than leave the English text to the mercy of an unknown translator, he supervised the process himself, preserving most of the original English words.

So, if we are to do what the composer intended, we should sing The Creation in English when the audience is predominantly English-speaking. Unortunately, Haydn's English text, as adjusted by Swieten, has many faulty rhythms and is unusable in places. At least 20 "improved" English versions have been published since 1800, many of them freely rewriting the text. Which version to use is a matter of taste, but there is no case for choosing German, which vitiates the composer's clear intentions.

Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS TEMPERLEY, 43 Abbey Road, NW8. July 20.

#### Broadcasting opera

From the Director of the Arts House Foundation

Sir, Making it mandatory for the largest opera and ballet companies to broadcast a certain number of performances without extra fees (letters, July 13, 19) would certainly make the regular public subsidy more acceptable to people who live too far from the great centres to ever be able to en-

joy a visit.

The weakness of television as a medium for delivering opera is, how-ever, that most living rooms do not make good substitute opera houses the screen is too small, the sound in-

different, and there are disruptions. This foundation has already put a scheme to the Arts Council for creating a widespread net of small theatres specially designed for presenting television relays to a high standard — not only of opera and ballet but of concerts, specially produced dramas, computer-generated art, talks, tours of art exhibitions.

A hundred such rooms could enable up to 30,000 people daily to join live audiences in enjoying the work of companies based all over the UK extending the precedent of 40,000 people enjoying a relay of the Last Night of the Proms on just one evening in London.

Yours faithfully. ROBIN DARTINGTON, Director. Arts House Foundation, 6 Chiltern Road. Hitchin, Hertfordshire. July 22.

#### Student drinking

From Mr Harry Brampton

Sir, We should beware of jumping to hasty conclusions about the present scale of student drinking based on your report, "Student drinkers push campus bar bills over £44 million' (July 22).

On your front page on the same day a report ( Right to see school references") suggests that fewer than 300,000 new students will join universities this year, and that therefore the total student population is around one mil-

If the annual take in student bars is £44 million (not all on alcohol), simple calculation suggests that an average student spends some £1.50 per week over the course of an academic year of 30 weeks. A very responsible attitude. I think.

Yours faithfully, HARRY BRAMPTON, 57 Westfields, St Albans, Hertfordshire. July 22.

#### Out to grass?

From Mr Geoff Covey

Sir, Your brief overseas item today, 'Preacher, 136, meets his maker", refers to the late mosque preacher as "retired". Was this necessary? Not even judges continue employment into their second century.

Yours faithfully, G. M. COVEY. 36 Bernays Close Stanmore, Middlesex. July 22.

PETER TRIEVNOR



### **COURT CIRCULAR**

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** July 23: His Excellency Brigadier General Ratu Nailatikau and Mrs Nailatikau were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador from the Republic of

Fiji to the Court of St James's. His Excellency Dr Zac Nsenga was received in audience by Her Majesty and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador from the Republic of Rwanda to the Court of St James's. Mrs Nsenga was also received by The Oueen.

Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for For-eign and Commonwealth Affairs)

as present. Field Marshal Sir John Stanier was received by Her Majesty upon relinquishing his appointment as Constable of the Tower of London. The Queen held a Council at 12.30 pm.

There were present the Rt Hon Antony Newton MP (Lord President), the Lord Fraser of Carmyllie (Minister of State, Department of Trade and Industry) and the Rt Hon William Hague MP (Sec-retary of State for Wales).

The Rt Hon Gordon Brown, MP, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton MP, the Rt Hon Sir Mark Potter and the Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith MP were sworn in as members of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

The Rt Hon Robin Cook MP made affirmation as a member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council. Mr Nigel Nicholls was in atten-dance as Clerk of the Council.

The Rt Hon Antony Newton MP had an audience of Her Majesty before the Council.

Mr Christopher Horne was received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order. Mr David Griffin was received

by The Queen when Her Majesty decorated him with the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver).

The Oveen and The Duke of Edinburgh gave an Afternoon Party in the Garden of Bucking-

The Prince of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy and the Hon Sir Angus

Ogilvy were present.
Her Majesty's Body Guard of
the Honourable Corps of Gentle-men-at-Arms and The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard were on duty.

The Bands of The Scots Guards and The King's Division Nor-mandy played selections of music during the afternoon.

Duke of Edinburgh this morning visited the Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Neasden, London NWIO. His Royal Highness, Master, this evening attended a Dinner at Trinity House, Tower Hill,

ondon EC3. The Hon Mary Morrison has ucceeded Mrs Robert de Pass as Lady in Waiting to The Oueen.

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** July 23: The Prince Edward, Chairman, The Duke of Edin-burgh's Award Pegasus Project, this afternoon attended the Annual Luncheon at Skinners' Hall, 85 Dowgate Hill, London EC4. CLARENCE HOUSE

July 23: Dame Frances Campbell-Preston has succeeded the Hon Mrs Rhodes as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen

ST JAMES'S PALACE July 23: The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trust, this morning held a Board Meeting at

Highgrove House. His Royal Highness afterwards received the Mayor of Tetbury and others to discuss the re-use of the former railway yard.

KENSINGTON PALACE July 23: The Princess Margaret Countess of Snowdon, Patron, The Zebra Trust and Zebra Housing Association, this evening opened the redesigned garden and play area at Impala House, 8 Chalcot Square, London NWI.

#### Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00. The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron of the Caldecott Community Hope Appeal, will attend a reception at Sr James's Palace at 6.00. Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Honorary Colonel, Inns of Court and City Yeomanry, will

attend a regimental reception at Lincoln's Inn at 6.30. Princess Alexandra will name the new Great Yarmouth

Gorleston lifeboat of the RNLl at the Lifeboat House, Riverside Road, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth,

#### Service dinner

The Royal Logistic Corps Earl Howe, Under Secretary of State for Defence, was the prin-cipal guest at a dinner held last night in the Central Criminal Court (The Old Bailey) to commemorate the third anniversary of the forming of The Royal Logistic Corps. Alderman and Sheriff Sir Peter Levene, Honorary Colonel Commandant; Major General C.E.G. Carrington, The Representative Colonel Com-mandant; and Major General M.S. White, Director General Logistic Support (Army), co-hosted

### Election

Mr Paul Pia of W & J Burness W.S., Edinburgh, has been elected chair-man of the Japan Society of Scotland in succession to Mr James T. Howat.

#### Birthdays today

Mr John Ambler, former chairman, Texaco, 62; Baroness Blatch, 59; Mr Julian Brazier, MP, 43; Mr George H. Brown, film producer, 83: Sir Trevor Chinn, chairman and chief executive, Lex Service, 61; Mr Robin Cutler, director-general, Forestry Commission, 62; Lord Digby, 72; Lord Fisher, 75; Sir Edward Ford, secretary and registrar, Order of Merit, 86; M Jacques Fouroux, rugby player, 49; Professor Derek Fraser, Vice-Chewille, Toogrido, Haitemain. Chancellor, Teesside University,

former High Master, St Paul's School, 70; Mr Wilfred Josephs composer, 69: Vice-Admiral Sir David Loram, 72: Mr Neil 49; Mr Edwin Mirvish, proprietor, Old Vic Theatre 82 Sir David Simon, Chairman, The British Smith, MP. 45: Sir Colin Southgate, chairman Thorn EMI, 58; Miss Nora Swinburne, actress, 94; Mr Quinlan Terry, architect, 59; Professor Frank Thistlethwaite, founding Vice-Chancellor, Univer-sity of East Anglia, 81; Mr Peter Yates, film director and producer,

#### **Drapers' Company** The following have been installed officers of the Drapers' Company

for the ensuing year. Master, Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Dalton; Wardens, Sir Michael Craig-Cooper, Mr N G W Playne, Mr P A F Chalk, Mr D W S Handley.

Nicola Atkins, 10, left, and Rebecca Williams, 11, with some of the strawberries that they and feliow pupils from Engaines County Primary School, of Little Clacton, Essex, have grown to exhibition standard for the show

### A flower show bursting with tasty delights

By ALAN TOOGOOD, HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE Royal Horticultural Society's flower show at Westminster is a feast of edible delights. Mouthwatering displays of fruits and vegetables have been staged by amateur and professional

The RHS Garden, Wisley, Surrey, is showing award-winning vegetables from its trials. There are round and French Breakfast type radishes includ-ing well-known "Cherry Belle", "Sparkler" and "French Breakfast".

Salad onions include non-bulbing Japanese cultivars such as "Ishiko" and "Ishikura", which are much sought after by supermarkets. Spring-sown spinach has also been on trial and award winners include the well-known "Long Standing". Dwarf French beans grown in a plastic tunnel range from flat-podded cultivars such as "The Prince", to cylindrical podded, including "Aramis" and "Annabel".

There is also a collection of soft fruits from Wisley, old and new cultivars. Some of the newest rasoberries bred at the Scottish Crop Research Institute, Dundee, are featured, inluding "Glen Ample", "Glen Rosa" and "Glen Magna", all heavy croppers with spine-free stems. They are not yet generally available.

Pupils from Engaines County Primary School, of Little Clacton, Essex, have mastered the growing of strawberries to exhibition standard and staged an exhibit at this show. The 30 ten and eleven-year-olds have grown the plants with guidance from well-known fruit grower, Ken Muir, of Weeley Heath, Essex, visiting his nursery at the end of each school day to care for the plants. The best of the crop is on display including the top cultivars "Elsanta". "Hapil" and "Tamella", plus the new "Emily" and

Rougham Hall Nurseries, of Rougham, Suffolk, perhaps better known for their displays of herbaceous plants, have provided a rare opportunity to see a comprehensive collection of gooseberries.

They range from green cultivars such as "Keepsake", through yellows such as "Early Sulphur" to red-skinned cultivars, including "Lancashire Lad".

The RHS summer fruit and vegetable competi-tion is well supported and the RHS Hogg medal for a collection of six dishes of fruit has been won by W. F. Brader, of Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. The affiliated societies class for six dishes of fruits has been won by the Hayes (Kent) & District Horticultural Society. Both exhibitors have included the popular exhibition gooseberry "Leveller".

S. Moorhouse, of Wanstead, London, has won the class for six kinds of vegetables, and Owen Paul, of Bulwell, Nottinghamshire, the class for four kinds. Both are featuring the cauliflower "Nautilus".

The show, which opened yesterday, also features summer-flowering plants, from sweet peas to fuchsias. Over 40 kinds of lavender from Downderry Nursery, of Ditton, Kent, are creating an aromatic display and include a range of tender kinds from Mediterranean areas, North Africa and the Canaries, such as Lavandula dentata cultivars with tooth-edged leaves, which, according to proprietor Dr Simon Charlesworth, are set to become popular plants for conservatories and summer interest on the patio. Angel pelargoniums are being featured by Fir Trees Pelargonium Nursery, of Stokesley, Cleveland. These are very much in vogue and have toppled the regal pelargoniums from their position as one of our favourite pot plants, as they are more floriferous and bloom throughout the summer. Two new ones are being featured: "Cottenham Surprise" (burgundy and pink with frilled petals) and "Cottenham Beauty" (deep purple and pale pink). The exhibit

has been awarded a gold medal.

Other gold medallists are Matthewman's Nursery, of Thorpe Audlin, North Yorkshire, showing sweet peas, the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies, of London, showing floral arrangements, and Park Green Nurseries, of Stowmarket, Suffolk, who have a display of herbaccous perennials and grasses.

The British National Carnation Society's summer

show is being held with the RHS show. Best exhibit is a vase of 12 blooms of clear yellow perpetualflowering carnation "Sunrise", shown by J. B. Tonks, of North Hykeham, Lincolnshire Mrs D. K. Ryder, of Sidcup, Kent, has won the prize for best exhibit in the floral art section.

Gerald Goddard, of Chingford, Essex is a leading prizewinner in the RHS ornamental plants' competition. His vase of miniature kniphofias ("Gold Else", "Little Elf" and K. galpinii) is particularly noteworthy as the flower spikes are in perfect condition.

The show, in the New Horticultural Hail, Greycoat Street, Westminster, is open today from

#### Memorial service Legal appointments

Lord Hope of Craighead, Lord Justice General and Lord Presi-dent of the Court of Session in Scotland, and Lord Clyde, a Senator of the College of Justice in Scotland, have been appointed Lords of Appeal in Ordinary in place of Lord Keith of Kinkel and Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle who will be retiring on September 30.

Lord Rodger of Earlsferry, a Senator of the College of Justice in Scotland, has been appointed as Lord Justice General and President of the Court of Session in Scotland. He replaces Lord Hope of Craighead who becomes a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary.

Inner Temple

Professor Sir Frederick Crawford, Mrs Ruth Deech, Professor Ian Kennedy and Captain Patrick Sheehan, RN, have been elected Honorary Masters of the Bench of the Inner Temple.

The Ven Peter Mallett A service of thanksgiving for the life of the Ven Peter Mallett. former Chaplain-General to the Forces, was held yesterday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Bar-racks. The Right Rev John Kirkham, Bishop to the Forces, officiated. The Rev Dr Victor Dobbin, Chaplain-General to the Forces, read the lesson and Mr Jonathan Mallett, son, read Of Joy and Sorrow from The Prophet by Kahlil Gibran. The Very Rev

others present were: Mrs Mallett (widow), Miss Judy Mallet (daughter), Mr and Mrs Andrew Miller (son-in-law and daughter), Mile Stella Bazaille (daughter), Mile Stella Bazaille (daughter), Mr Stella Bazaille (daughter), Mr Andhory Mallett (brother and Mrs Andhory Mallett (brother and sister-in-law), Mr Stephen Mallett.

The Right Rev Ambruse Weekes, Mrs John Kirkham, Lieutenant-General Sir James Baled, General Sir Martin Farndale (Master Gunner, St. James's Park), Lieutenant-General Sir Allan

Lawrence Jackson, Provost Emer-

itus of Blackburn, gave an address. The Rev Roy McAllen was robed and in the Sanctuary. Among

Taylor, Major-General Sir Desmond and Lady Rice, Major-General Sir Roy and Lady Redgrave, the Rev Sir Derek

Peter Swanson, Lieutenani-Colonel and Mrs Peter Roupell. Mr and Mrs Bruce Farthing. Mr Tim Boupell. Mr Chris Roupell. Mr And Shans Bruce Farthing. Mr Tim Boupell. Mr Chris Roupell. Mr Shans Roupell. Mr Fiona Harrison. Mrs A Russell, Mr Oliver Blunt. QC. Mr James Smart-Smith. QC. and Mrs Stuart-Smith. Mrs M Ward-Booth, Miss M Wilson. Councillor Ian Dewey. Mr Roy Thompson.
Mrs J Jacobs (representing the Bishop of Norwich and Mrs North, Mrs Ruth Cail and Mrs Mary Merritt (vice-presidents, Guild of St Helena), the Rev Handel H C Bennett (Raymond Cook Christian Tours) and Mrs Bennett, representatives of Kings' Collège. London. the Parish of St Oswald, Norbury, the Royal Army Chaplains' Department, The Queen's Association of the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment of Artillery Association. the Royal Regiment of Artillery Association. the Royal Regiment of Artillery Association. The Royal Regiment of Legion. the Army Benevolent Fund, the Order of the Templer of Jerusalem, the Empler Pligninage Trust and many other Iriends.

#### **Appointment**

Sir Nigel Mobbs to be Lord-Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire in succession to Lord Cottesloe, who retires on January 1, 1997.

#### **Anniversaries** BIRTHS: Simon Bolivar, "Liber-

ator" of South America, Caracas, Venezuela, 1783: Alexandre Dumas pere, novelist and playwright, Villers-Cotterets, 1802; Frank Wedekind, dramatist, Hanover, 1864; E.F. Benson, novelist, Wellington College, Berkshire, 1867; Ernst Bloch, composer, Geneva, 1880: Amelia Earhart. aviator, Atchison, Kansas, 1897. DEATHS: George Vertue, en-

graver, London, 1756; Matthew Webb, the first English Channel swimmer, drowned in an attempt to swim the Niagara Palls rapids, 1883; Sacha Guitry, actor and playwright, Paris, 1957; Peter Sellers, actor, London, 1980. Jacques Cartier landed in Canada claiming the country for France,

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### Forthcoming \* marriages

Mr P.A.St C. Barrow and Miss O.S. Smerdon The engagement is announced between Paul Achilles St Clair Barrow and Ondine Sasha Smerdon, of 62 Abercrombie Street, Battersea, London SWII.

Mr J.P. Cooke and Miss C.G. George The engagement is announced between Jonathan Peter, second son of Mr and Mrs Gerald Cooke, of Norwich, and Constance Grace, second daughter of Mr Robert George and Mrs Miranda Gordon-George, also of Norwich.

Mr N.R. Dawbarn and Dr V.M.M. Blackburn The engagement is announced between Nigel, son of Mr and Mrs M.L. Dawbarn, of Cirencester, and Victoria, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A.J. Blackburn, of London, NW5.

Mr J.C.O. Hutchison

and Miss A. Trivino The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Geordie Hutchison, of Melley Linguistics and Additional Control of Melley Linguistics and Melley Lingu Welby, Lincolnshire, and Adriana, daughter of the late Don Gracian Triviño Susanna and Doña Ma Luisa Barros Santos, of Madrid.

Mr J.L. Litton and Miss C.E. Lowthian

The engagement is announced between John, elder son of the Hon Mr Justice Litton, OBE, of Stanle Hong Kong, and Mrs Jennifer Litton, of Longhoughton, Northumberland, and Christine. elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Lowthian, of Cobham, Surrey.

Mr F.-B. Rom

and Miss C.S. Buffle The engagement is announced between Francis-Bernard, youngest son of M and Mme Richard Roux, of Montreal, Canada, and Christine Suzanne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Buffle, of Geneva, Switzerland.

Mr M.J. Smith and Miss A.R.C. Simm

The engagement is announced between Martin, younger son of Mrs Dorothea Mackay, of Taunton, Somerset, and Athene. eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Simm, of Gussage All Saints, Dorset.

#### Marriages

Mr O.P. Benn and Miss T. da Thao The marriage took place quietly in London recently of Mr Oliver Benn, only son of the late Captain and Mrs Christopher Benn, to Miss Tran da Thao, younger daughter of Mr Tran van Trong and Mrs Le Thi Nhi, of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. It will be followed by a Buddhist ceremony

Mr W.H.S. Hornby and Miss S.Z. Edge The marriage took place on Sat-urday at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Ilmington, of Mr William Hornby, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Hornby, to Miss Samantha Edge, daughter of Mr Graeme Edge and

Story officiated. The reception was held at Foxcote House and the honeymoon will be spent in Thailand.

of Mrs Carol Edge. The Rev Victor

Mr N.K.H. Pulsford and Miss J.C. Rose

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, July 20, in London, between Mr Nigel Pulsford, son of the late Mr Kenneth Pulsford and of Mrs Madeline Pulsford, and Miss Judith Rose, elder daughter of Dr John and Dr Teresa Rose. The bride was given in marriage

by her father and attended by her sister, Miss Georgina Rose, and by Miss Nasim Mawji. Mr Adam The honeymoon will be spent in

Mr A.R. Rogers and Dr G. West

The marriage took place on July 19, 1996, in London, of Andrew younger son of Mr and Mrs Duncan Rogers, of Ellary, Argyll, and Genevieve, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard West, of Ratcivffe House, Devon.

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Private family funeral. and Richard, a son. of David, on his father's

**DEATHS** ABDREW - Jim very suddenly on 14th July in Burbados aged 59. Cricket professional at Clifton College for over 30 years, formerly played for Goldenburshire CCC. Destry lored and appeal of the college of Gioticastrainire CCC. Descrip-leved and sorety missed by Karan. Anna. Pani. Liz and Callum. Fimeral et Ciffnon College Chapel 11 am Monday 25th July followed by private cransition. Please no flowets but domations if desired for the British Heart Foundation c/o Thomas Davis. Southville Lodge. Southville Road, Bristol BSS 10.1. BLACKHORE - Kathlem (née Dunksis), sister of Cyptisia Weiler and Marjorie Dunksis, on July 9th aged

BOWHAR - Nicholas John, dam'ty loved son of Jean and Dennis, of West Draylon and heloved brother of Sarah and Kata, died suddenly on July 19th aged 38 years after a long Ulness courageously borne. Prunaria Service at 12 noon Tuesday July 30th at Breakspear Crematorium. Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, Middlesex, All enquiries to H.C. Grimstead, bd: (01896) 431000.

BREWIN - On Wednesday
17th July 1996 peacefully in
Harley Court N.H.,
Sevenoalts, Kent, Mary
Anderson Brewin, widow of
Frank mother of Donald and
Peter and much loved
grandmother. Thamksoving
Service at Holy Trinity
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Sarah. Puneral Service to histo piace on Tuesday 30th July at Oxford Crematorium at 1.30 pm. Donastions in lieu of flowers to charities of your choice c/o J.W. Marcham & Sons Funeral Directors. 55 Wood Street, Wallingford. Oxon. OX10 QAY, td: (01491) 836146. AMERON - On July 21st, peacefully at Lyme Regis, aged 86 years. Beatrice Mariell, denty loved with of Colin. daughter of the late St. Cultibert and Lady Whitaleer and triend to a conduct to a conduction. Cambert and Lady Whitelers and friend to a svest many. Funant will be at St Peter and St Patel Church, Uplyme, on Friday July 26th at 2.30pm. Fioral tributes to Wakely & Son. bet. (01297) 443835.

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COUSING - Edward George.
(E.G.). On 9th July peacefully at home in his 103rd year. loving husband of the late Bobble, much missed and loved friend of daughtets Dorsen (Toffre) and Mike and or grandchildren and greatgrandchildren. At his wish cremation has taken piece. cremation has taken place.

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England and New York, July

12th, Lestic Robert, beloved, instead of Petricia Glyde; and father of Robert Dav of Chicago, ILL, USA. Brother of Daphne Frampton of England, and grandfather of Spephanic and Caristopher Dav. Services and interment were private. In Heu of Gowers, donations to the Abhelmer's Association, One-Kendall Square. Bidg 200, Cambridge, Ma. USA, Q2139-1562 would be appropriated. eppreciated.

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FFYTCHE - Margaret Onde Law) on July 20th. Much loved by Timothy. Barbi. Dominic and Maltins and all who knew her. Funeral private - A Manoriel Service will be arranged later. No flowers please; but doubtions, if desired, may be made to Friends of Moorieds. HAYNES - Greta. died peacefully on 20th July at Prestor House. Chrencaster. Funeat Treaday August 6th. All fiellows. South Carmey, at 3 pm. No flowers. Denations to Phoenix House Surgery. Cirencester. Surgery, Crencester.

HEGINEOTHAM - Daniel Robert on July 11th 1996 suddenly windst on holitary in France aged 57 years. Beloved Indianated of James Funeral Service at Bedford Crematorium on Monday 29th July at 12.15 pm. Family inverse only alease, Donations if desired in sid of Bedford Modern School may be sent to Clarabut & Plumbe. 11 Kingsway, Bedford. tel: (01234) 354547.

HOLLAND HOLLAND - Annalise peacefully at home on July 22nd 1996. Panetal Service to take place at the Dantan Caurch, 4/5 St Catherines Precinct, Regests Park, NW1 48Ht, on Friday July 26th at 2.30 pm. followed by cremation at Amerikam Crematorium at 5 pm. A reception will be held at 7me Mill, Henley Road, Medimenham, near Mariow, Sucha, bet (01491) 571224. Madmenham. near Mariow.
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OX18 SLG. MacLEAN - true Louise One Mayer) peaceonly on July 22nd 1996, in Aldeburgh, Suffolk, aged 89 years. Belowed mother of Falice. Beloved mother of Falica, Janet and Evelyn and a much loved grandmother and great-grandmother. Cremation at Ipswich Grenamium West Cappel.

MANEST - John Gregory ets 20th July 1996 after a long thress bravely botne. Most adored and loving husband of Anne. proud and trespured daddy of Christina. Ceitre and Stephanie, much loved son of Dr. Joseph and brother of Dr. Ambony. Mensi. Service at Beckenham Cramatorium Bonday 29th July at 10 am. Family flowers only Donations to either Bud Flanagan Ward, Royal Marsden Houghal, Sutton or to Eromiey Area Lecknessia Supert Group. All donations c/o Francis Chappell & Sons. Sevenceix Road. Cryington. Sevenceis Road. Orpington.

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M.B.E. Q.P.M. Died
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Assistant Chief Constable
and first Co-ordinator of
No.5 Regional Crime Sound.
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NUTCHELL - Lt. Col. Color Campbell on July 2002 at Sister Agnes, London. Beloved husband of Sue and dearly loved tather of Lorne. Angus and Collins. Family funeral. Memorial Service to be attentioned.

suddenty, John beloved husband of Barbara, loved and loving Ether of Adrian and Sandry, loved and loving grandpa of Helen. Floosa. Melhes and James. Funeral Service at 52 Mary's Church. 18thium. Burban. Bucks. on Monday 29th July at 2.30pts. Family flowers only donations if desired to 'The British Heart Foundation'. 14 Fitzisardings Street, London Wilh 40H. A Memorial Service to be held at a later debt.

Piggott - F.J.C. Major-General C.B. C.B.E. D.S.O. on Sunday 21st July peacefully at Weston Hospital aged 85 years. Private cremation at Bristol. Memorial Survice at a later date. No flowers but donations at that time to the Queens Royal Surrey Regiment Association. F/D Britten and Bennett (D1954) 832115. RODGERS - John, M.A.Chron... (Wadhem). On 14th July in hospital at Chalmatord aged 72. He will be sadly missed.

Similouse - On 21st July 1996, Humphrey Patricius of Eden Hey, Stanwhr. Carlisle. Pumeral Service at Loctom Church. sr. Cockermouth, on Monday 29th July at 12 hoon followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if dealerd for The British Heart Foundation c/o Mr N. Chicken. 39 Kirkpate, Cockermouth. Conheim.

SOWERSY - Gerald Vivian peacefully on 21st July 1996. Of Startfarth, late of Lincolnshire, Much loved husband, father and grandisther, Funeral private. TYE - James, Director-General, British Safety Council, died pescelelily in hospital 21st July 1996, Husband of Rosale, father of Stephen and Jo. and grandfulner of Sam. Sathy talend, Francial service but temporial service isser.

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Daniel and Matthew.
Funeral arrancetaents W.G.
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WHITFIELD - Cynthia, on
22nd July 1996, peacefully
in Brombey Hospital, Beloved
wife of Harry and much
loved mother of Marion.
Pater and Ann and
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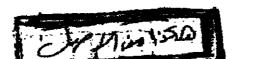
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### **OBITUARIES**

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### LIEUTENANT-COLONEL COLIN MITCHELL

Lieutenant-Colonel Colin Mitchell, soldier and politician, died on July 20 aged 70. He was born on November 17, 1925

"MAD MITCH", as he came to be known, was one of the last popular heroes produced by the British Empire. He was also one of the first beroes created by television, which brought his deft and dashing recupture of the Crater district of Aden from insurgents in the summer of 1967 into the living rooms of a depressed and chastened nation. His subsequent career, which included four years, 1970-74, as Con-servative Member of Parliament for West Aberdeenshire, was largely anticlimax - something that he felt deeply.

Of Scorish ancestry but brought up in the modest London suburb of Norbury and educated at the Whitgift School. Croydon. Colin Campbell Mitchell had a romantic feeling for Scottish tradition. In 1943 he joined the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, into which his father had been commissioned in the field during the First World War, soon proving himself a natural soldier. He fought bravely in the final bantes of the Italian campaign, a demanding experience which, however, convinced him to make Psoldiering his career.

He fought again in the Korean War but thereafter his many spells of active service were all in the minor campaigns which attended the decline of the British Empire. Earlier service in Palestine had given him expertise in counter-insurgency operations and this was put to effective use in Cyprus during the EOKA emergency. Borneo during the "confrontation" by Indonesia and finally in Aden.

Throughout all this time Mitchell was making a reputation as a bold and efficient officer, passing through the Staff College and serving as GSOI on the staff of Lord Mountbanen when he was Chief of the Defence Staff. His success in a wide range of appointments, including time with the Territo-rial Army and the King's African Rifles, had won him brevet rank as a lieutenant-colonel. When ordered to Aden in 1967 with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, of which he had taken command, he seemed set for the highest ranks of the Army.

His battalion arrived in Aden, already trained specifically for the occupation of the Crater district, within the crater of the extinct volcano behind the port, shortly before the mutiny of the armed police part of the South Arabian Army on June 20. Twenty-two British soldiers were killed, including several Argylls, and British troops were thought to be held alive in Crater. which was firmly in the hands of the mutineers. Mitchell, though not yet in command of that district, urged an immediate rescue attempt but this was refused by the GOC Middle East Land Forces, Major-General Philip Tower. who feared that it would ignite further ments with General Tower continued higher and, in the 1970 general by two sons and a daughter.



disturbances. In the event, only one British soldier escaped alive from Crater. The conflict over this issue led to continued dispute between Mitchell and Tower.

Then in the early hours of July 4. Mitchell led the Argylls into Crater and, as he wrote in his memoirs. Having Been a Soldier, the mutineers "heard a new sound, one that was to remind them that, until the British finally left South Arabia, here in Crater the rule of law would be enforced. They heard the Pipes and Drums." Not only that day but in subsequent weeks. Mitchell frequently appeared on televison: a small, handsome man with a direct, pugnacious manner, speaking the robust, unminced words that the British had not heard from their army officers since the acceleration of the Imperial decline had begun nearly two decades before. Newspapers took him up as a popular hero, proudly bestow-ing upon him the sobriquet of "Mad Mitch".

Unhappily, Mitchell's disagree-

seeing off the Liberal standard-hearer, Laura Grimond, the wife of the former Liberal leader. In the Commons Mutchell followed in the wake of a previous national hero turned Tory MP -Commander J.S. Kerans of HMS Amethyst fame — in making singularly little mark in the chamber. But he was busy and effective in committee and always tireless in his constituency. For a year he served as PPS to the Secretary of State for Scotland. A useful, if unobtrusive, parliamen-tary career seemed to be beckoning,

shire for the Conservatives, easily

especially as Mitchell combined his work at Westminster with a gregarious social life in London — he was a member of the Garrick, Carlton and Caledonian clubs and in any gathering was always a popular and an amusing raconteur. But the offer of a job managing an enormous sporting es-tate in the Scottish Highlands proved too strong a lure for the romantic whose vision of Scotland had been fashioned in a London suburb, and he decided not to seek re-election in February 1974. He later admined that this had been a disastrous mistake: the job in the Highlands came to nothing and alternative offers of work did not match Mitchell's own view of his abilities and qualifications. He was kept busy spasmodically by a variety of consultancies, some in the military field, which took him abroad, including incursions into Alghanistan where he accompanied the guerrillas, himself dressed as a Mujahidin. Lanerly, he lived in Norfolk, which he found a far cry from the Highlands.

At times his disappointment showed and it amounted to bitterness. He turned angrily against the media, which he had used so brilliantly to promote the cause of saving his regiment, and against old friends who had tried to help him in difficult times. Once a popular member of the Garrick Club, he avoided it for years, finally stopping his subscription.

However, he did seem to find satisfaction in directing Halo, the worldwide mine-clearing organisation staffed mostly by ex-soldiers, whose company he found congenial. He was often reported back in Afghanistan, in Cambodia, Central America, equatorial Africa - indeed anywhere mines had been laid in large numbers.

In London, between his sorties abroad, he would take exercise by walking for hours on end and his brisk little figure, pork pie hat perched on his thick grey hair, would be reported from the most unlikely parts of the capital. But this was not the military, or political career of which he had dreamt and he never seemed to come to terms with his disappointment. Yet his brief but vivid place in the military history of the last years of the British Empire is secure.

He is survived by his wife Sue and

### ROBERT COLLINS

Robert Collins, pop musician, died in a car accident on July 22 aged 33. He was born on February 23, 1963.

ROBERT COLLINS was the keyboard player for the Charlatans, one of the more genuinely innovative of the new "indie" pop bands which grew up in the fertile musical ground of Manchester during the late 1980s. The movement took its name from the small, independent record labels by which the bands were produced. The Charlatans' rise to fame was the swiftest of any of the local bands and, for a while at least, until new groups like Oasis eclipsed them, they were set to be the next big British band!

Their popularity was based on providing a modern style of dance music, which had its roots in 1960s pop. Their fashionably gaunt lead singer. Tim Burgess, was considered as handsome as a young Mick Jagger, but it was Collins tequally handsome in a dark. saturnine mould) who provided the musical muscle to back him up, with his Hammond organ, an instrument which had been unfairly neglected since the 1960s. When Collins was relegated to the background — as he was for occasional singles like Just When You're Thinkin' Things Over - the group's playing could become directionless. But when he was allocated a starring role, their playing became focused and exciting. Inspired by those under-ground mod and psychedelic revival bands of the 1970s, he produced an instantly

gent and stabbing. Collins was born Sedgeley in the West Midlands, and went to school locally. He played the piano as a child, and performed in several school and local bands before forming the Charlatans with his old musical partner Martin Blunt, the band's bass player. Steve Harrison, the band's manager, had followed Collins's career, and he found

aeronautical engineer

and President of the

Royal Aeronautical

January 16, 1928.

the hard way through trial

and error, laced with bound-

less enthusiasm. Now a fresh

breed was beginning to arrive. With his first-class degree in

engineering from London University in 1948 and an aeronautical diploma from the

Cranfield College of Aeronau-tics in 1950, John Fozard was

very much the prototype of

this new sort of aeronautical

engineer. His arrival at Hawker Aircraft at Kingston

in 1950 marked the beginning

of a cordial — though not always easy — 16-year, day-to-

day relationship with Sir Syd-

Camm was the doggedly

inspired designer of an out-standing series of Hart and

Fury biplane fighters, leading on to the Hurricane, the

Typhoon and Tempest mono-

planes, and then to the world's

first vertical take-off-and-land-

ing fighter-bomber, the

John William Fozard was,

therefore, lucky to begin his

professional career as one of

Sydney Camm's "young gen-

tlemen" in the Hawker project

Hawker Harrier.

ney Camm.

Society, 1986-87, died in

recognisable sound from his

instrument, sometimes rich

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gess, who was then singing with the Electric Crayons. The Charlatans had as little to do with one of those market-led. expensively styled boys bands as could be imagined. They bought their own clothes, and Harrison's previous experience had extended to running

a record shop. But their debut 12-inch single, Indian Rope, released in 1990 was a success, and established the group as a fine live act. They had released the record on their own label, Dead Dead Good, Now they secured a contract with Beggars Banquet Records, and released The Only One I Know, a single vaguely reminiscent of Book T and the MGs (one of Collins's biggest influences). It was a brilliant summer anthem, and pushed the Charlatans into the top of the charts. Their follow-up single, Then, and a debut album later that year kept them on a high note. But the following year was quieter for them, and 1992 constituted a particularly low point for Collins, who was sentenced for eight months after, most bi-zarrely, taking part in an

Collins was driving the get-away car from the bungled offlicence raid. The sentencing followed the release of their excellent third album, Up To Our Hips, and the Charlatans were quite willing to disband if Collins had been juiled for a much longer term. In the event he served only four months, and the band bounced back after his release. With the arrival of Britpop bands like Oasis, and a resurgence of interest abroad in British music, the Charlatans had enjoyed renewed success during the past year. Oasis invited them to appear as special guests on their new tour. Last year's album, eponymously entitled The Charlatans, shot straight to number one and remained in

Collins's wildchild behaviour had not, however, mellowed with age, nor was it much improved by a youthful and unsuccessful marriage. He died after his red BMW left the road in Monmouth.

the charts for many weeks.

The album seemed to have hit

the mark as confidently as

anything they had done

### **JAMES TYE**



MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

James Tye, directorgeneral of the British Safety Council since 1968, died on July 21 aged 74. He was born on December 21, 1921.

ONE of the inveterate selfpublicists of his age, James Tve could at least claim to have operated as a one-man pressure group. The field that he tried to make his own was latterly covered perfectly adequately by government bodies such as the Health and Safety Executive; but, as an old advertising man. Tye never allowed that to deter him in his efforts constantly to keep his own organisation's name before the public.

Not all his efforts in this

respect were equally happy. Once at a City reception, on being asked by the Queen what he did, he somewhat pertly replied: "Among other things I try to persuade you to wear a safety hat when you go out hunting, Your Majesty." Like her forebear, Queen Victoria, the reigning monarch is said to have been unamused. rapidly passing on and leaving floating in the air behind her the dismissive comment: "Oh, I think I am a little too old for that " But it was wholly

story should have made its way into the gossip columns. He was a classic proof of the old adage: "Keep on advertising, and advertising will keep

In truth, despite its claimed

and worsened when the latter ordered

him to relax his firm military grip of

reconquered Crater with the result that

terrorism there immediately increased.

However, the Argylls held the district

without a serious challenge from the

insurgents until the evacuation of Aden

in November of that year, when they

withdrew as swiftly and efficiently as

they had arrived. The acrimony lin-gered, however, and, unlike the com-

manders of other infantry battalions,

Mitchell was not recommended for a

Distinguished Service Order and was passed over for promotion.

Seeing this as an insult to his

regiment, as much as a personal slight.

Mitchell resigned his commission.

although privately assured that his

career would eventually prosper, and

led the successful "Save the Argylls"

campaign to prevent their disband-

ment under forthcoming cuts in the

Army. He wrote his memoirs and then

joined the staff of Beaverbrook News-

His sights, however, were aimed

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papers as a management trainee.

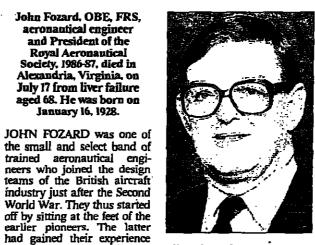
international organisation and its much-varinted annual awards, the actual structure of the British Safety Council never bore much investigation. It was basically a vehicle for one man's self-promotion - something that most newspapers recognised but found themselves unable to do much about as Tye unerringly picked his targets, whether in typical of Tye that even this a widely quoted rebuke to the

Princess Royal for taking her son Peter home from hospital on the front seat of a car without the benefit of a seatbelt or in his reprimand more recently to the Prince of Wales for allowing his younger son Prince Harry to hold the steering wheel of his Land Rover while driving on the private Sandringham estate.

James Tye, a past master at producing brochures on his own career and achievements. was educated at Upper Hornsey LCC School. He joined the RAF in 1939 and served with it in the ranks throughout the

After four years in advertising, he joined Sky Press in 1950, founding while he was there a company called Safety Publications. In 1962 he was appointed executive director of the British Safety Council, taking the somewhat grander title of director-general (with all its echoes of the BBC or the CBI) six years later. It was a post he continued to hold well beyond most people's retirement age, notching up nearly 35 years in the service of what he liked to characterise as "the most successful and largest occupational safety organis-ation in the world". The only irony was that the whole thing was run from a small house, which was also his home, in

James Tye, who married in 1950, leaves a widow, Rosalie, a son and a daughter.



PROFESSOR JOHN FOZARD

office, fresh from the department of aircraft design at Cranfield under Professor Sir Robert Lickley, himself formerly a Hawker Aircraft man.

Fozard came in when the early jet lighters were being advanced from prototypes into production - notably the Hawker P1040, which became the Sea Hawk for the Royal Navy, followed by the P1067. the forerunner of the excellent Hunter for the Royal Air Force. By 1961 Fozard was head of the Hawker project office, working with Ralph Hooper who, from 1957, had been responsible, under Camm, for design work on the P1127 V/STOL prototype, the precursor of the Harrier

'jump jet". Hooper went on to initiate design work on a further development, the supersonic V/STOL P1154 which, in 1962, won the Nato NEMA-3 International Design Competition. only to be cancelled, along with the TSR-2, by the first Wilson Government in Febru-

arv 1965. That action dealt a serious blow to Fozard who had become chief designer, P1154, in October 1963. Instead, he now succeeded Ralph Hooper as chief designer. Harrier. from 1965 to 1978 when, with the formation of British Aerospace, he became marketing director of its Kingston-Brough division, a post which he held until 1984. He was appointed OBE in 1981.

From 1984 to 1987 Fozard served as British Aerospace's director of special projects, military aircraft division, and then was seconded to the United States to become the Lindbergh Professor of Aerospace History at the National Air and Space Museum of the Smithsonian Institute in Washington. In February 1989 he retired from British Aerospace after 45 years of service with it and its predecessor

companies. Fozard had joined the Royal Aeronautical Society as a student in 1949. He was elected a fellow in 1963 and to the council in 1977, of which he became president in 1986-87. He was elected to the fellowship of the Royal Society in

Throughout his career, active in both the practical and academic aspects of aviation, Fozard was a fluent and outstanding lecturer and a good musician. In 1991, he compiled and edited a book of tributes to Sir Sydney Camm Sydney Camm and the

Hurricane.
John Fozard married Mary Ward in 1951 by whom he had two sons. The marriage was dissolved in 1985 and that same year he married, secondly, Gloria Roberts of Alexandria, Virginia. She and his two sons survive him.

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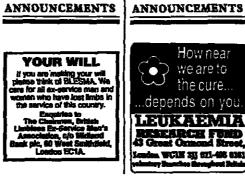
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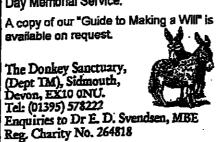


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was a time when Woman was married at 16; and, if one may believe George Meredith, she had a wit and a wisdom which would only be credible now in her grandmother. She married at 16; she produced enormous families without apparently any great inconvenience to herself; she was an adept in all matters of the household; she doctored her family and dependents with simples made of herbs; she had her still-room where she distilled sweet waters; she brewed home-made beer and wines of cowslip and elder; she embroidered and sewed and spun. Altogether her memory is as fragrant as the sweet pomanders she made. She was simply pious and she had the simple virtues; she never asked to stir very far from her own fireside: she left the gaieties of life to her men-folk. She put on a bonnet when she was married and a cap at 40; and her grandchildren were in her arms at an age when her granddaughters have just begun to attract the homage of men.

Think of a 16-year-old of your acquaintance

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The author of these charming senti-ments was not to know that during the next four years thousands of women were to become mothers "of heroic sons."

and imagine her taking on her shoulders love and life, the happiness of many, the cares of a mother and wife and of a household, and imagine her carrying the burden and the love and the grief and fulfilling her woman's lor successfully! It was a man-made axiom that a woman was as old as she looked and a man as old as he felt; and it was a partisan statement. The women who are as old as they feel are all about us, and the younger they feel the younger they look. I know a woman of 40 who is the most charming of girls, with something airy, clusive, delicate as thistledown about her flunering beauty.

Statistics prove that the age of marriage is

postponed later and later. The young thing has not much chance nowadays against her maiden aunt, or it may be her mother. The ideal of comradeship in marriage has grown. I have seen in my time the women left out of the men's diversions. I remember the ballroom deserted for the card-room, and the pretty girls sitting round the walls partnerless the night long. I have seen it come that the women, too, began to play cards, to go to race meetings, to smoke, so that they could go with the men and be good comrades, and not the dear apart things that were the girls of yore. Golf was a great opportunity for the women. Good comradeship is a better provision for life's dusty way than sentiment; and, indeed, there is no reason why romantic love should not lie at the head of good fellowship.

One remembers old diaries and journals. It was an exceptionally brilliant woman who recorded that she and the ladies of the family sat all day working at a carpet they were making and read in between Blair's "Grave," a cheerful spiritual manual. The child-wife, I fancy, was left at home while her mate disported himself. She had to be left at homethere were so many babies and so much to do. She was incredibly efficient very often, and she had time sometimes to become a great woman as well as to be the mother of heroic

and the management of the control of

### Brighton is seeing a huge revival as a commercial, cultural and leisure centre. Christopher Warman reports

arrives in town and hails a cab, he will expect to be regaled with a firm opinion on the state of the country and the shortcomings of the Government.

Not in Brighton. Some 300 taxi drivers — half the town's comple-ment — have undergone a course organised by Brighton and Hove Economic Development Company (BHEDCo) to help them to be ambassadors for the town, knowledgeable about property develop-ments in the area and the opportunities for investment.

The cab driver is often the first person a visitor sees when arriving. and it is important that the first impressions are positive about Brighton and Hove and what we have to offer," says Michael Petrie, chief executive of BHEDCo.

The "ambassadors" scheme is one of a number of initiatives by the organisation, a private/public sector partnership of business and local authorities. It was set up in August 1993 to reverse the somewhat negative attitudes that the business community in particular were aware of in considering Brighton and Hove, and to help its revival as a commercial and cultural centre — as well as a leading

leisure resort.

One of BHEDCo's first tasks was to carry out research about business perceptions of the area. Many companies were not aware that there was an international airport nearby (Gatwick is only 20 minutes away); did not know that there were two universities there; were unaware of the availability of office space; and did not realise the range

Facelift for the 'city by the sea'

least in languages from the many

There is evidence that BHEDCo's efforts to address this challenge are working, helping to attract E500 million of new investment by developers and businesses. "We are also forging links with Invest in Britain and with corporate relocation organisations," Mr Petrie says. "Instead of whingeing about losing out to northern development corporations, for example, we said we must get together and get on with it."

The range of initiatives is wide, including small schemes like the "Brighton looking good" campaign, tackling graffiti among other things. The Grade I listed railway station is undergoing a £20 million refurbishment, and the road from the station to the sea is to be transformed into Ocean Boulevard in the next few months, with the help of businesses on the route including TSB Trustcard, Commercial Union and the Rank Organisation.

A £2 million seafront development, assisted by a Single Regeneration Budget grant, is upgrading the area between the two piers; the Royal Pavilion restoration has been completed, and a further El million has been spent restoring the sur-rounding gardens. The nearby Dome Concert Hall, formerly the Royal Pavilion riding stables, has been awarded Lottery funding towards a £28 million scheme. The Museum and Art Gallery will be expanded and a new central library

Standard Life, owner of Churchill Square, the main shopping centre in the town, has started work on a £90 million rebuilding and expansion scheme; the £1.5 million Sussex Innovation Centre has opened on the University of Sussex campus to cater for the needs of high-tech research and development; and a £4 million Hove Technology Park is being planned.

built for £6 million.

The largest office development in Sussex, the 250,000 sq ft Trafalgar Place adjoining the station, is now 70 per cent occupied, with tenants

including Eagle Star, Mott Mac-Donald, TSB and the recently established Occupational Pensions Regulatory Authority. American Express, the biggest employer in the town, has concentrated a number of its European activities into its Brighton headquarters. Mr Petrie explains: "Many organisations are realising the benefits of a location outside London, where costs can be minimised but crucial links with the capital can be maintained."

Robert Stiles, of the property agent Stiles Harold Williams, which is closely involved with BHEDCo, is positive about the town's future, as road improvements, retail and hotel expansion, the availability of office space and environmental improvements come to fruition.

e says: "All these fac-tors indicate that an increasing number of companies will settle on Brighton as their preferred location, and join businesses like BUPA International, American Express, General Accident and Systems International. The town is now living up to its billing as London-by-Sea: it offers the business, retail and leisure advantages of the capital together with a healthy and high quality environment to live in."

Brighton is now looking to achieve city status, after merging with its neighbouring local authority. Hove, to form a unitary authority on April I. 1997. "After that we can apply for city status, and must have a good chance. Then we will be able to say, 'Come to our city by the sea'," says Mr Petrie.



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STANDARD Life has bought Swans Gardens and Centre At The Circus, with frontages to Piccadilly and Regent Street, London WI, for £39.5 million on an \$8-year lease from OGM Dodabetta BV, a subsidiary of the leading Dutch pension fund PGGM. The Grade II listed building dates from 1925. and was once the home of the department store Swan & Edgar.

KINGSPARK Developments and local textile company A.C. Gill have formed a joint venture to develop a 100,000 sq ft headquar-ters office scheme in Nottingham's Lace Market. The investment value of the completed project is expected to be around £15 million. and the development, known as Archer Gate, will be available in buildings from 33,000 sq ft. Planning consent has been granted for

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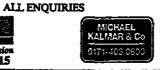
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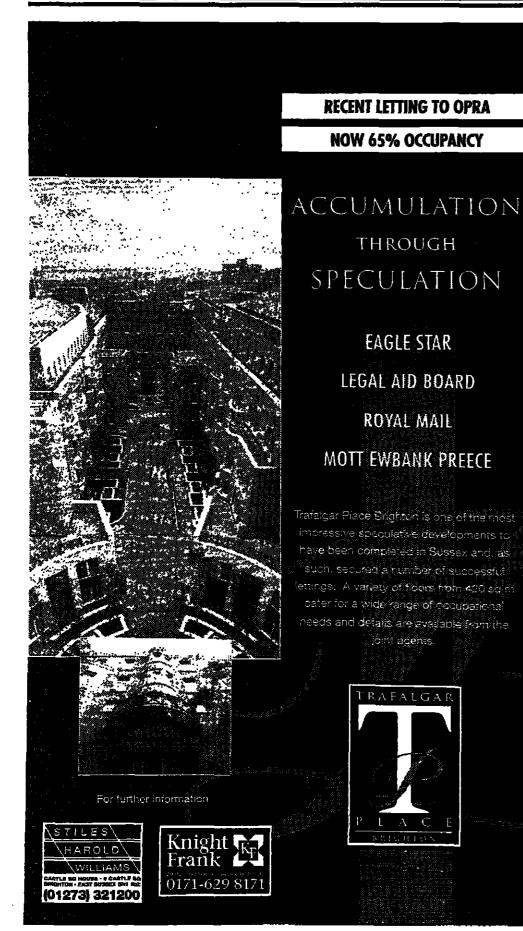
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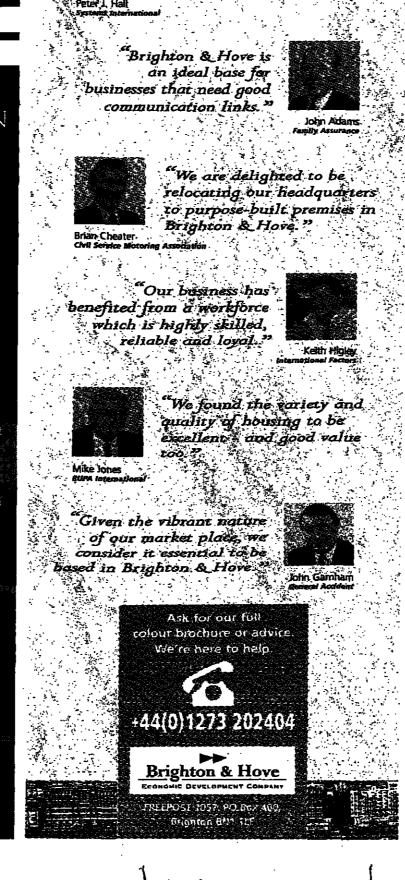
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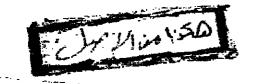
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### Law Report July 24 1996 Court of Appeal

### Life sentence on 'lifer' valid

Regina v Whittaker Before Lord Bingham of Cornhill Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Owen and Mr Justice Connell

Dudgment July 181 The absence of medical evidence about the mental condition of an offender already subject to a mandatory life sentence passed on him 17 years earlier did not preclude the imposition on him of a discretionary life sentence for a violent crime he committed on weekend home leave from custody. The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held when deciding that a seven-year sentence imposed

at Birmingham Crown Court by Mr Justice Bennett on Steven Alan Whinaker, aged 37, after conviction of causing grievous bodily harm with intent, contrary to section IS of the Offences against the Person Act 1861, was unduly lenient and substituting a discretionary life sentence and fixing the appropriate period to be served for retribution and deterrence at seven years. The decision was made on an

application by the Attorney-General under section 30 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 for leave to refer the sentence as being unduly lenient. Mr Orlando Pownall for the Attorney-General: Mr Shaun

Smith for the offender. THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE. giving the judgment of the court, said that in 1478 the offender, then 19, was convicted of murder by kicking a man, going through his pockets and then jumping on his face with both feet.

The day after being released on

the offender went with a former inmate to a nightclub where the victim was present with friends. She left at about lam and walked alone in the direction of her parents' home along an unlit pathway.

The offender, who had followed her, emerged from behind a gap in a hedge, grabbed her, knocked her to the ground, fracturing her cheek hone, sat astride her, put his hands round her neck squeezed her throat hard and repeatedly threat-ened to kill her. Answering her screams her father called out that he was coming. The offender was later apprehended and charged. He was acquired of attempted murder but convicted of the section Three theoretical sentencing

possibilities were before the judge: length appropriate for the offence of which the offender had been convicted, (ii) an extended sentence under section 2(2)(b) of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 "necessary to protect the public from serious harm from the offender"; (iii) an indeterminate life sentence.

It was common ground between counsel, their Lordships thought correctly, that an extended sentence was to be excluded. The offender was already subject to a life sentence and the imposition of an extended sentence could not be necessary for the protection of the In the course of counsel's mitiga-

tion the judge, relying on R v Hodgson (1967) 52 Cr App R 113). ruled out the possibility of imposing a discretionary life sentence, since the there was no medical weekend leave in November 1994, evidence of personality disorder or instability or anything like that, belief would very often relate to the Mr Pownall submitted that that mental condition of the defendant was an inadvertent misreading of see R v Wilkinson ((1983) 5 Ct App Hodgson in which Mr Justice MacKenna, giving the judgment of It was, therefore, plain that

the court, had stated that a life evidence of an offender's mental state was highly relevant, but the sentence was justified where (a) the crucial question was whether, on the facts, the offender was likely to offence or offences were in themlife sentence, (b) it appeared from the nature of the offence or from represent a serious danger to the public for an indeterminate time. the defendant's history that he was a person of unstable character likely to commit such offences in the future, and (c) if the offences were committed the consequences In reviewing the offender's sentence their Lordships considered that, in view of the extreme

seriousness of the offence, it merited life imprisonment and that the correct inference to draw was that there were grounds for believing that he might remain a serious danger to the public for a period which could not be reliably established at the date of the sentence. The judge had been wrong to read Hodgson as precluding the possibility of imposing a life

Evidence of an offender's mental state was highly relevant, but the crucial question was whether, on the facts, he was likely to represent a serious danger to the public for an indeterminate time. The reality of the situation was that, given the offender's previous conviction for munity was bound to be delayed for an indeterminate period and it was better that that should be recognised and stated.

The sentence imposed was un-duly lenient. It would be quashed and a discretionary life sentence imposed, with seven years fixed as the appropriate period to be served for retribution and deterrence. Solicitors: Crown Prosecution

Service, Headquarters; Jackson Ouinn, Nottingham,

### Whether court's decision is final

Blustarling Ltd v Westminster City Council Before Mr Justice McCullough Judgment July II

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It was for the court to decide whether it had as a matter of fact reached a final decision on a matter before it.

Mr Justice McCullough so held in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division when allowing an appeal by case stated from the dismissal by Mr J. Connor, metropolitan stipendiary magistrate sitting at Bow Street, on August 25, 1995 of the appeal of Blustarling Ltd.

The magistrate had reserved judgment on August 8 and each narty asked for an order for costs in the event of the decision going in its favour. On August 25 the magistrate dismissed the appeals making the order that costs should follow the event but no amount of costs had been specified. On

of its costs to the court but that had not been drawn to the attention of the magistrate. The case was later relisted on October 6. Mr Charles Salter for the company: Mr Timothy Spencer for the

MR JUSTICE McCULLOUGH said that the magistrate was satisfied that the order of August 25 had been clear but in any event. the court was entitled subsequently to clarify it.

The company contended, and his Lordship accepted, that in relation to civil proceedings in magistrates' courts the order of the court was made when it was pronounced not when it was rawn up. His Lordship did not accept the

submission that the order on an appeal and any order as to costs had to be made at the same time so officio after August 25. Any valid order for costs was in

followed the making of the primary decision that an order for costs would be made. In the period between the two decisions the order for payment of costs was not bad but merely incomplete and for the time being ineffective.

were committee the consequences to others might be specially injuri-ous as in the case of secural offences or crimes of violence. Counsel submitted that that formulation of

principle did not require medical

practice, but merely circumstances

ference of continuing danger to the public could be drawn.

In their Lordships' judgment,

the judge was taking an un-necessarily narrow view of the circumstances in which a dis-

cretionary life sentence could be

The conditions could really be

put under two heads: (i) the offender should have been con-

victed of a very serious offence, if not no question of imposing life

existed: and (ii) there had to be

good grounds for believing that the offender might remain a serious

danger to the public for a period which could not be reliably esti-

By "serious danger" their Lord-ships had in mind particularly serious offences of violence and

serious offences of a sexual nature. Crimes which might found such a

mated at the date of sentence.

imposed.

It was unreal to ask whether a court had made a final adjudica-tion on a matter it had not been asked to decide; the fact that it could have been asked was beside the point

istrate had before October 6 reached a final adjudication on what was before him was a matter of fact for the magistrate to decide on that date in the light of what had happened hitherto When such questions arose it

was always for the court to decide as a matter of fact in all the circumstances whether or not it had reached a final adjudication. Much might depend on the nature of the omission, its relationship to what the court had already

decided, the explanation for the omission, the length of time before it was drawn to the attention of the court and whether the decision had already been entered into the court register. Those factors were not necessarily determinative and others might be relevant.

The magistrate's conclusion that prior to October 6 he had not made a final determination on a matter that was before him was one he could reasonably reach and was therefore unassailable.

His decision that the costs had already been specified in the amount put in by the council on August 8 however would be quashed on the basis, inter alia that the company had not had an opportunity to make submissions on it. Given the impracticability of remitting the case the appeal succeeded and the order for the payment of costs would be Solicitors: Wilson Barca: Mr

between supervening events of which the purchaser had expressly

or impliedly accepted the risk and events which disabled a vendor from performing specific obliga-tions which he had undertaken.

The crucial question was whether the possession which Johnsons had been in a position to

give on the date for completion was

something other than vacant pos-session within the meaning of the

contract. If the acquiring authority

had the right to immediate pos-session at completion date, then

the vendor could not then give

vacant possession, but a section 3 notice did not give the Crown any

such right.
Johnsons had been in a position

to give vacant possession on completion, from which it followed

that NSR had been in breach when

they purported to rescind the

Contract.

The land had now vested in the

Crown by the publication of a notice under section 5 of the Act.

The appropriate remedy was dam-

Solicitors: Frere Cholmeley

Bischoff; Titmuss Sainer Dechert.

Duty to

consult

proprietor

Regina v Secretary of State for Education and Employ-

ment. Ex parte McCarthy

The secretary of state had a duty to consult the proprietor in all cases where she was considering with-

drawal of her approval of an independent school for children with special educational needs. The only exception to consultation

was where withdrawal of approval

was necessary or expedient in the interests of the health, safety or welfare of the children.

Mr Justice Hidden so stated in the Queen's Bench Division on

July 15 when allowing an applica-

### Compulsory purchase threat not relevant

Ltd v NSR Ltd Before Lord Goff of Chieveley. Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Nolan, Lord Steyn and Lord Hoffmann

[Judgment July 9] The publication of a statutory notice warning that land which was under contract of sale was likely to be required for Crown purposes did not amount to a frustrating event since it was to be presumed, in the absence of specific provision to the contrary, that the purchaser had agreed as from the conclusion of the contract for incidental to land ownership.

The Privy Council so held in allowing an appeal by E. Johnson & Co (Barbados) Ltd. from the judgment of the Court of Appeal of Barbados (Mr Justice Straughn Husbands, Acting Chief Justice, Sir Frederick Smith, Justice of Appeal, and Mr Justice Moe, Justice of Appeal) dated September 27, 1993 dismissing their appeal from a judgment of Mr Justice Davis (Acting) dated September 30, 1992

Mr Michael Briggs, QC, Ms Elizabeth Jones and Mr Barry Gale (of the Barbados Bar) for Johnsons; Mr Richard McCombe,

which included the risk of interference with land-owning rights by the Crown.

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Barbados Bar) and Mr John Ford (of the Barbados Bar) for NSR.

LORD JAUNCEY, giving the 349) had drawn the distinction

LORD JAUNCEY, giving the judgment of the Board, said that the agreement was made in July. 1989, with a completion date of September 30, 1989. On September 7, 1989 a notice under section 3 of the Land Acquisition Act. (c 228) was published warning that the land was likely to be required for Crown purposes. NSR purported to rescind the agreement.

On the conclusion of a contract

for sale of land the risk passed to the purchaser. It was to be pre-sumed, in the absence of specific provision to the contrary, that the purchaser had agreed to accept the normal risks incidental to land ownership. The risk of interference with land-owning rights by the Crown or statutory authorities was always present.

A threat of compulsory purchase, and publication of a section 3 notice amounted to no more than that, did not radically after the nature of the contract of sale. What it did was simply to increase the likelihood of an existing albeit remote risk becoming an eventual-ity. It followed that a section 3 notice did not amount to a frustrat-

ing event.

Mr McCombe had argued that

#### Challenging grant of appeal leave Brennan v Brighton Bor-

ough Council

Professional advisers should appreciate that unless an application to set aside the grant of leave to appeal fell within the principles established by The Iran Nabuvat (1990) I WLR 1115) it was bound to (ail and was misconcrived. Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls.

so stated sitting in the Court of Appeal with Lord Justice Saville and Lord Justice Judge on July 8, when dismissing an application by the defendants, Brighton Borough Council, who had sought to set aside the leave to appeal granted to Mr Brennan by two lord justices following the refusing of leave on paper by a single lord justice.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that those with conduct of the present litigation had launched the application out of anxiety to protect ratepayers' funds. But respondents in that position had to appreciate that in the great majority of cases such applications did not save, but

The costs of the application were similar to the costs of the appeal, as was the expenditure of court time. The court had to take the case out of order and if the application failed the arguments had to be redeployed on the appeal and counsel and solicitors had to be reinstructed. Unless the application fell within the principles established in The Iran Nabuvat no one benefited from it.

His Lordship hoped that the

profession would now appreciate

the situation and pause long before

making such an application.

tion for judicial review by Brian and Anne McCarthy of a decision of November 24, 1995 to withdraw approval from their school. HIS LORDSHIP said that regulation 5(2)(a) of the Education (Special Educational Needs) (Approval of Independent Schools) Regulation (SI 1994 No 651) imposed a duty to consult in all cases save where the interests of health, safety or welfare of the children It was always a serious matter to take the step of withdrawing approval without consultation.

regulation 5 required that there be mosultation. His Lordship accepted that regulation 5 did not provide a middle ground alternative. If his Lordship were wrong on that point, then, in his Lordship's judgment, there was a common law duty to consult.

Where there was a need to do so, regulation 5(2) provided the means. Where there was no need,

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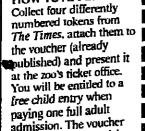
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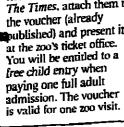
you the opportunity take a child free when you spend a day at the zoo. There are 41 locations to choose from (a list was published on Saturday and Monday) where you can save up to £6. The offer is valid any day from today until August 31, with the exception of Bank Holiday Monday.

Visiting a zoo today is an exciting experience for a child. They have imaginative ways of introducing children to wild and dangerous animals. At the Lakeland Wildlife Oasis. Cumbria, for instance, they can crawl through a tunnel underneath the meerkats' sand pit to pop up, protected under a perspex dome, to meet the inquisitive creatures face to face. At Edinburgh the penguins stroll around the lawn amongst the visitors. And at Thrigby Hall, near Great Yarmouth, one of the favourite attractions is nearly rubbing noses with an alligator, from the safety of protective glass.

The Federation of Zoological Gardens of Great Britain and Ireland is a charity which represents the interests of 60 zoological and wildlife collections.



HOW TO APPLY





### Cold winds blow through ITN

You could call ITN an endangered species if it were not the only one of its kind. That's the trouble. How does part-owned by News International, owner of the trouble. anything unique prepare for the next

Independent Television News (to give it the full name that no one ever uses) suffered a body blow last week when it lost its contract of nearly ten years with NBC Super Channel. The loss of El million a year from September will hurt. But something more is going: ITN World News's best showcase on the international market.

ITN does have other foreign customers — certain airlines and Channel 9 in Australia — but these are small fry compared to NBC. Worse, what NBC decided, in dropping ITN bulletins from its pan-European satellite and cable channel, is something that other television services might also come to decide - that they want to reposition their service towards more entertainment and

that they will provide a specialised business channel

If only ITN had a serene future at home. But no. Its main customer, ITV, sees its other two big customers, Channels 4 and 5, as rivals. ITN's security of tenure with all three rests on the nod of the Independent Television Com-

**BRENDA** mission, and it is under enormous pressure to cut costs.

Pity may seem wasted when MADDOX lavished on a well-managed org-anisation with an operating profit of nearly 20 per cent and a turnover of nearly £90 million. But anyone would feel sorry for a business heavily dependent on one surly customer whose contract runs out next year. (The deal between ITN and the ITV companies expires on December 31, 1997, although it may well be extended.) And if

about its vulnerability. ITN seems certain to have to lower the price it charges ITV for its news. Those ITV companies who are no longer ITN shareholders (they used to be by law until 1993) feel they are being milked for the benefit of the shareholders, as well as of their competitors, Channels 4 and 5.

you are a British viewer, reliant on this

admired news service, you begin to worry

The annual bill, £57 million, for ITN's News at 12.40, 5.40 and Ten is, they complain, far too high. In reply ITN has offered a cut to £42 million if the various ITV companies pick up the expenses for ITN in their regions. Can bed and breakfast in the provinces really cost that much? No matter. Even that whopping discount is unlikely to satisfy some of the disgruntled ITV companies. They would prefer to buy their The Times, if only the Independent Television Commission would recognise a second news provider.

Further cost-cutting pressure comes from the shareholders. There are two views of the consequences. One insists that ITN is ridiculously overmanned and extravagant, and that it will emerge the better for trimming. The other is that the cuts have gone so far that ITN is no longer a scrious news-gathering organisation, that it is not investing enough in new technology and that the separate identity of Channel 4's Seven O'Clock News is being sacrificed as, shades of the BBC World Service. ITN is shunting news staffs together "to reap the benefits of the centralising resource teams".

ITN's current owners (Carlton, Granada.

Reuters, United News, Daily Mail and Scottish Television, obviously believe they can have economies and profits, too. They probably also believe that they can sustain the high quality which has won countless awards. put brave ITN faces like Penny Marshall's in troubled corners of the world, and made Trevor McDonald and Jon Snow (to my mind) the most respected newsreaders in the land.

But the owners cannot have any illusion that there is a big global news market beckoning from beyond these shores. News is expensive, and international news, barring disasters, hard to sell. One country's big story is another's big yawn.

nyway, CNN International has probably scooped what there is of a world market for 24-hour news in English. Its 30 news bureaus, its zany weather reports from Madagascar and downtown Seoul, and its bevy of gorgeous, slightly accented newsreaders are very welcome on the screen of a bleak hotel room in Shanghai or Bangalore, at least until the business news comes on. (They probably change it every day but I'm not convinced.) And it has taken CNNI costly years just to get its international advertising revenue to reach an annual

Those people marching around to "Save the World Service" really ought to spare a prayer for ITN. The quality of its service bears watching. ITN is a curious British creature which has flourished under very controlled conditions, otherwise known as monopoly. You can like monopoly, or loathe it. But you can't pretend that ITN got as good as it is without it.

### **Election** fever for **Express**

AFTER years of spaniel-like devotion to John Major and the Conservative Party, staff at the Daily Express will face a confusing time when the gen-eral election is finally announced.

While their newsdesks will no doubt be requiring them to dabble their fingers deep into the personal lives of Tony Blair and the Shadow Cabinet in an attempt to boost Mr Major's chances, their social ist millionaire owner Lord Hollick has other ideas. Lord Hollick, chief executive

of MAI, which recently merged with the Express stahle's United News and Media. has announced to management that as soon as the first shots are fired in the election battle he will be heading straight for Walworth Road, where he will lend his mighty weight to the Labour campaign. Lord Hollick, whose



Testing times ahead: Lord Hollick and Lord Stevens

partnership with United's Tory chairman Lord Stevens has been likened to the marriage of Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley, always insisted that despite boarding the Express's true-blue train his dedication to the Labour Party would remain intact.

But staff at Blackfriars anticipate that, come the election campaign, fur will fly. "If the Express treats Tony Blair like it treated Neil Kinnock during the last election, I fear Lord Hollick may not always see the funny side," said one.

● GOOD news for women sick of the sight of slick television advertisements for cars they cannot afford. New research by Cowie, one of the country's largest motor retailers, suggests that the millions of pounds spent on pushing Puntos onto "independent"

women have been largely

Car companies will be less than delighted to learn that not only did the ads get on their nerves, but many could not even remember that they were advertising a car.

No comment...

NEWS reaches The Listener that that troubled ship the Financial Times is now casting its net around Canary Wharf in an effort to bring about a change in its fortunes.

Three months after making the first compulsory redundancies in 100 years, and after staff gave a vote of no confidence in the Editor, Richard Lambert, the FT is rumoured to be trawling the offices of The Daily Telegraph in search of its shrewd City editor, Neil Collins.

Collins, who has his own entry in Debrett's People of Today, is now understood to be being courted for a major position in the group.
Only a few weeks ago

Collins was at the centre of more headhunting gossip when he was apparently sounded out by the Stock

Exchange for a high profile position. It was rumoured that following the deluge of critical articles Collins had written about the Stock Exchange, it was considered prudent to have him on

In the picture

STILL over at Canary Wharf, an article in last week's Sunday Telegraph is causing smirks throughout the office. A lofty piece headlined "Prin-cess vs the paparazzi" told how the press ratpack is besieging the Princess of Wales at a French villa and had a News of the World reporter grumbling that he was not being allowed to invade her privacy.

Alongside it was an illustra-tive picture of five journalists kicking their heels outside outside the villa. But what The Sunday Tele-

graph article fails to mention is that its own news editor Chris Anderson is himself a former News of the World man or that the the main face in the picture was none other than Robert Hardman, distinguished writer at their flag-ship paper, The Daily

### Using the oldest trick in the book



Eva Herzigova brought increased sales for Wonderbra

judicious use of sex in advertising can help to boost the

sales of certain products. This snappy conclusion was reached at a Marketing Society conference last week. The society took a look at 1995's most famously sexy cam-paigns — Club 18-30 and Wonderbra — and scrutinised how both achieved maximum effect with minimal budgets.

Delegates were told TBWA's shrewd use of model Eva Herzigova enhanced Wonderbra's £650,000 adspend, inflating sales by 41 per cent on the previous year, while Club 18-30, spending a mere £350,000 through Saatchi and Saatchi, achieved a 35 per cent climb on

These enviable case studies were compared with dismal attempts by other advertisers to hijack similarly saucy images and wording for their own supposed commercial

the previous year.

ADVENTISME ... gain. "We showed that you can use sex to sell if it is

relevant to the product, but that it doesn't work where it is inappropriate to the brand or spokesman. HOOPER'S HOOCH, the controversial alcoholic lemon-

ade from Bass which gained

notoriety for supposedly en-

couraging under-age drinking, gains its first advertising agency this week.

The three finalists. Euro RSCG, Duckworth Finn Grubb Waters and DMB&B

find out today who is to be charged with moving the brand on to its next stage.
It should be interesting to see how a smart above-theline shop continues the role

that below-the-line and PR

has, to date, managed with

such aplomb — achieving one

of the biggest marketing suc-cesses in the alcoholic drinks sector for ten years.

J. WALTER THOMPSON staged an audacious training conference for about 20 of its clients last week on "How to do better in advertising". The gist of the sessions was

to educate the assembled advertisers about the vagaries and mysteries of the advertising process. They learnt how to conduct pitches, dream up creative ideas and negotiate terms with media owners all of which were judged by JWT's very own in-house

experts.
"There was no hidden agenda. We weren't trying to blind them with science or make them go away thinking 'Blimey, it's complicated stuff. this advertising business. said David Kinnear, JWT's marketing manager.

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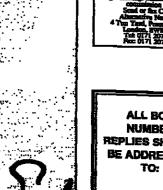
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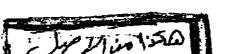
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Carla Lane, creator of the

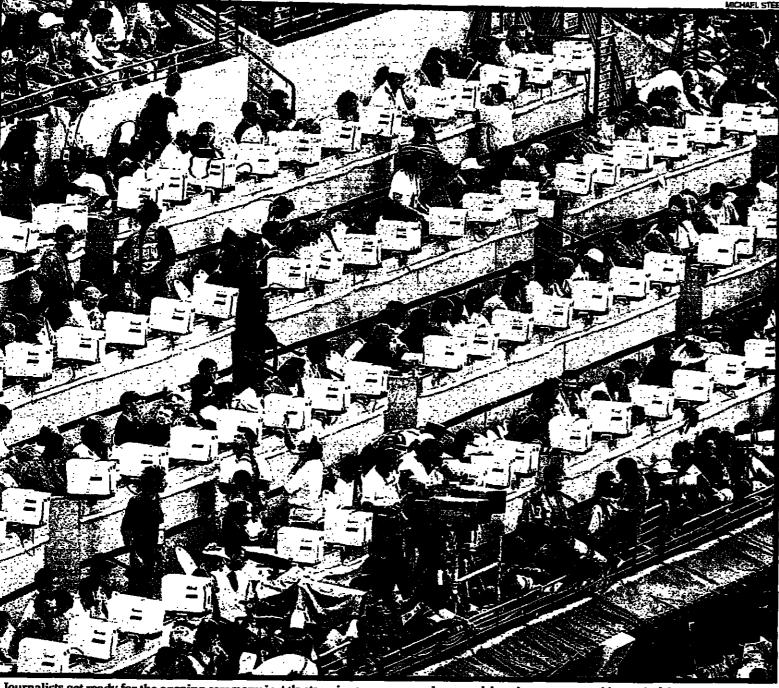
formidable and vituperative

Grandad in the 1980s sitcom

Bread, says comedy writers are under increasing pressure

to deliver lots of laughs. The

### John Goodbody is battling to stay in the media race at the Games



Journalists get ready for the opening ceremony in Atlanta, minus one group who were driven into a scrapyard instead of the main stadium

# Atlanta wins for chaos

The accreditation process

was the worst of any impor-

tant sports event that I have

covered anywhere in the

world. On arrival at Harts-

field airport, journalists, com-

petitors and Games officials

sigh of envy is al-ways audible when I inform acquaintabout to report the Olympic Games. Usually they volunteer to come as my assistant. for them, it is like having three weeks' holiday in the most luxurious hotel on the French Riviera and being paid for the experience. I am sorry to disillusion them: this is not how it is in Atlanta.

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All Olympic Games, whose venues are spread over many hundreds of miles, are difficult to cover, even for The Times, which has sent 12 reporters plus freelances. The long hours are made worse by the time difference. However, it is the pressure that is so wearing, as 17,000 members of the media, including 5,000 reporters. battle to get results. quotes, places on buses, places in the stands and, above all, better stories, all against the deadlines of editions. As Bob Brennan, the press chief, says of the huge number of journalists who have arrived: "Now I know what a tidal wave looks like and smells like."

The Olympics are one of the most demanding assignments for any journalist. When I was woken up at 4.40am in Seoul in 1988 to be informed that Ben Johnson had been found posimetres, I had 50 minutes to confirm the truth of the story and write 650 words for the

hen the Princess of Wales returns to

south of France, she will find

that she has scored another

victory over the Royal Fam-

ily, and again outwitted all the sleek advisers to the

Queen and Prince Charles.

The decision to strip the

Princess of the title Her

Royal Highoess — even though it was she who first

offered to relinquish it, ac-

cording to the usual "trusted

sources" - has become Buckingham Palace's biggest pub-

Across the political spec-

trum, editors and commenta-

tors have been unusually

united in condemning the

decision. Letters to editors

her most loyal subjects -

bublic-relations gaffe when

elderly, royalist women.

lic-relations disaster yet.

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these Games particularly exhausting is the inefficiency of the organisation. Of all the eight summer Games that I have covered, I have never observed so much frustration and even anger from fellow

the problems if the United States did not pride itself on

> A French fencer was credited with the 400m record

use of both technology and human resources. For journalways, worse organised than Barcelona, Seoul and Mos-cow, the last three Olympics staged outside North America. Yet Atlanta starts with so many advantages. The hotels are superb. Ample food is available at any time. The people are pleasant and there

Of course, access to the competitors has become increasingly awkward. Like so many sports events, the Olym-pics now consist of bland

is no language problem. Calls

formal press conferences rather than informative personal briefings. Atlanta cannot be blamed for this. However, the organisers have particularly failed in providing an adequate transport and results

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> were herded together to have their documents verified. Horror stories abounded. I arrived at 9.15pm and only took two hours to be processed. Marc Aspland, the Times photographer, who arrived in mid-afternoon, took five hours. Competitors, many of whom had travelled from across the world, suffered equally, just before the most mportant competition of their

The journey to the accommodation was often circuitous, largely because many of the drivers were not from Atlanta and did not know the area. For the opening ceremony, one group of journalists found themselves being driven into a scrapyard instead of the main stadium. The driver politely explained she did not know the way. The journey back from the Olympic stadium took this group more than three hours, a distance which could have been walked in 50 minutes.

It is little wonder that the

the Olympic Village because of the transport.

Although the International Olympic Committee has ordered the organisers to improve the transport, there is nly a certain amount that can be done. Several streets have been closed in the centre of Atlanta and the increase of

traffic because of the Games

Americans thought they could take the Games in their stride

has resulted in huge jams. A crucial error was also made when the organisers, for the first time ever for the Games, put the central bus depot a 15-minute drive away from the main press centre. Everyone therefore has to change buses at least once before they start their journeys to venues which can then take up to three hours.

Transport has always caused difficulties at the Olympics, if not on the scale of Atlanta, But at least I expected an efficient results service. With IBM having invested £50 Olympic sponsor and the lead "technology integrator" of the Games, journalists expected a quick, accurate service.

Yet results have been late and often wrong. One medal, won on Sunday, was not reported until 12 hours later. Reuters has had to warn its thousands of subscribers about problems and has begun compiling many of the results manually. Bob Bren-nan admits that when he was searching through the biogra-phy of a French fencer, he found he was credited with the world record for 400 metres.

that they could take the Games in their stride, rather than raising themselves to the challenge as many smaller countries would have done. They simply cannot cope with massive numbers of foreigners all demanding information. There is excessive bureaucracy and inflexibility of thought. Decisions get bogged down and people have been unable to adapt to the requirements of the world's

Many people think the trou-

ble lies in the Americans' belief

biggest sporting festival.

A.D. Fraser, the chief finance officer for the Games, admits that there are problems. He compares the difficulty in getting new instruc-tions carried out with the behaviour of a dinosaur. The head sends a message and ten minutes later the tail wags." But with these organisers the message does not take min-

### Why the BBC finally accepts that age does matter 40 you don't change brands." He is scathing about *The*Golden Girls, America's

ONE of the great joys of being a BBC insider is knowing that DEF (1), raucous brainchild of Janet Street-Porter, the Tsaritsa of "yoof TV, attracted a disproportionately high audience of old age

The corporation is now targeting the people who watch more television than any other age group with a new season of special programmes exploring what being elderly means today.

Clare Paterson, its executive producer, was influenced by er mother turning 60 and collecting her bus pass. "I'm not sure old age today is reflected adequately on the box." she savs

"Older people are probably not there enough, particularly older women. They are not reflected in all their diversity.

of Age, is a fortnight of programmes on BBC2 next month including a two-part documentary on global ageing and a succession of grillings by Profes-sor Anthony Clare of elderly achievers like Lord Deedes, Sir John Harvey Jones and Doris

Lessing. The fact that older people still make love is aiso acknowiedged in a 50-minute investigation enti-

tled Grey Sex. But if Ms Paterson hopes her sea-son will lead to an increase in honest images of old age on the small screen, she Victor Meldrew

the grumpy subject of One Foot in the Grave, is the most familiar image of old age on our screens, but he infuriates many campaigners on behalf of the elderly. Pat Seers, 75, who sits on the executive of Age Concern, says: "He is a caricature isn't he?" Gilly Crosby, of the Centre for Policy on Ageing says: "The whole image is very negative." Alison Rose, of Help The Aged, agrees: "People might think all older people are complaining. He is probably not a very good role

The BBC has the perfect excuse it does not accept that Victor Meldrew is an image of an older person, just a redun-dant one. "He is not that old," says a spokeswoman. "It is about a man who all sorts of extraordinary things happen to. He could have been any

The comedy series Waiting For God won universal acclaim for the authenticity of its portrayal of life in a retirement village: sex. death, decrepitude and all. This was no accident. "I got on to Age Concern and virtually became their propaganda arm for five years," says Michael Aitkens, the writer.

Before each series, he asked what issues the pressure group wanted exposed, then wrote sketches around topics like prostates and bus passes. He won plaudits for including a bedroom scene but admits he was unaware for

The aged feel they have not been catered for on screen. reports Dominic

Kennedy

years that the people he was writing about still indulged. "I was into my third series before a Scottish doctor told me that in these places, parties and sex are uppermost in their minds," he said. "It

thought of it until then." Waiting For God was in-

easiest way is to write about sex. "That is sad," she says, struck a huge chord when they got into the sack together. I felt ashamed that I hadn't and inhibits you writing about old people because the don't talk about sex and that's part of their dignity. The poignancy of old people is lovely but there certainly isn't enough of it. If you powers-that-be accept it, because everything has changed? One is under pressure to make people laugh loudly and often. The subtle stories

"I have a struggle getting over my rather miserable comedy. People like it but heads of department don't. Television has become big business like everything in this world. It's nothing to do with being creative any more and taking chances and saying We may not get the viewers but it's a lovely thing, let's do it'. John Birt and Alan Yentob are fright-

the demise of his elderly ened of making decisions. An unpublished survey of 1,200 older people by Anchor housing association two months ago found only 30 per cent were happy with the way they were portrayed on reports her minders to the

The over-65s have particu--lar tastes that the new comhard to indulge. Viewing figures so far this year show they prefer Antiques Roadshow to Coronation Street and Songs of Praise to Blind Date.

Among older viewers re-sorting to the off-button is George Melly, 69, who be-lieves he was awfully lucky to have been a television critic during the 1960s, when he recalls reviewing marvellous documentaries."Today," he says, pausing over a good book before going out on the town for a night of singing, "I only watch nature things and Antiques Roadshow."



Wrong image? One Foot in the Grave

mother but he killed the show

after five series because there

are only so many laughs in old age and then it stops being

funny. His mother has reached the stage where she

police and has difficulty re-

membering who the members

Aitkens says: "You can't make jokes about Alzheimer's." The BBC was brave enough

to launch Waiting For God in

1990 but the increasing com-

mercial pressure on tele-vision, including the imperative to sell shows

abroad, makes such future

experiments less likely. Mr

Aitkens says: "I am trying to

launch it in America but they

are saying 'How can we get

the youth market?' There is a

huge audience among the elderly. They watch TV more

than anyone but the advertis-

ers only want audiences be-

tween 20 and 40 because after

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A vexed question of who should curtsy to whom

**PAPER ROUND** 

Brian MacArthur

Has the Palace's decision to strip the Princess of Wales of her HRH backfired?

most loyal Fleet Street sup-porters condemned her selfpity, petulance and pique. The Princess should have a care, said the Daily Mail. Revenge and charity did not mix well.

Yet as Keith Waterhouse observed in the same paper, she is the "Houdini of the House of Windsor" who always manages to come up smelling of roses. One of the most forthright

have disclosed a swelling critics of the Palace was Anthony Holden. "The royal display of cold, calculating disenchantment with Prince Charles, an aversion to Camilia Parker Bowles and, ruthlessness has been breathmore damaging, unusually taking," he said in the Daily vituperative criticism of the Express. "In the past ... I have compared the Windsors Queen, particularly among with the Borgias in their grim determination to hang Princess Diana has even on to everything at all costs. managed to survive her own

The brutality of this latest

exercise of power is worthy of Coppola's Corleones." she announced last week that she was severing her connec-That criticism was shared tion with 100 charities. It had by Paul Johnson in the Daily been planned for weeks but Mail and William Reeswas quickly spin-doctored Mogg in The Times. Johninto a reaction to the loss of

son's main target was Prince Charles. The divorce he had forced on Diana was an insult to loyal Anglicans and

angered many other Christians, especially Catholics. The Queen's decision, which Charles had failed to prevent, was a deliberate blow to the family principle. To Rees-Mogg, the decision looked "mean and ill-judged" but the title was likely to be restored eventually when her son William became king.

Holden received a record postbag and was surprised by the vehemence of the support he got from middle England. The letters spoke of "the obnoxious Palace hierarchy", "Charles and his dreadful family", described the Prince as "a liar and a cheat", and attacked the Queen as "petty, small-minded, selfish, unprincipled and

Sun readers responded in the same disgusted manner. according to its Editor, Stuart Higgins. They saw the Queen's decision as "uncharacteristically cruel and callous", inspired by a desire for revenge on a Princess who had done more to save the Royal Family than to harm it. More than 69,000 readers had signed a Daily Mirror petition urging the Queen to restore the HRH title, the paper announced yesterday.

pressed an equal measure of shock at the treatment of the There is no better way of

reviving a flagging dinner party than by asking friends if they support Charles or Di. We all have an opinion, even Nobel prizewinners, according to Holden (and since you ask I'm more for Charles than Di). Yet in the past week, apart from Jonathan Dimbleby in The Sunday Telegraph (a paper that is usually an avid supporter of the Princess) there have been no articles in support of Prince Charles and only a few anti-Diana articles.

uite the most venomous was by Richard Littlejohn writing in the Daily Mail: "Diana has always manipulated her charity work to fit her own personal agenda and upstage her husband, right down to the last stage-manEven her resignation letter smacks of self-obsession. 'Al-though I am embarking upon the future with hope, I also do so with some trepidation'. Who cares? Save it for your shrink, pet."

Only two commentators -Robert Harris in The Sun-day Times and Edward Pearce in the Daily Mail -have bothered to address the question that ought to be asked, which is why any of us — it is, after all, 1996 should be addressed as His or Her Royal Highness, or why any of us should bow or curtsy to anybody, except perhaps to the Queen.

Sometimes, Harris said with feeling, he read the papers and thought he must be going mad. Surely he had to be hallucinating when he read that the mother of the heir to the throne was now technically required to curtsy to her own children: "I think this must be a dream — a satire of some sort. But no . . . this is true! This is the state our

country has reached in 1996." The paradox of the past two weeks is that even as readers of the tabloids demand that the Princess of Wales remains Her Royal Highness, so the Queen's decision has made quite a few more of them into avid

### THE TIMES TODAY

#### NEWS

#### EU tries to halt panic over sheep

■ European officials were trying to smother a "mad sheep" crisis vesterday as livestock markets showed the first signs of panic. As ministers insisted that sheep were most unlikely to contract BSE, Franz Fischler, the Farm Commissioner, was criticised for kindling the latest flare-up in the "mad cow" saga.

Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, said that British lamb was safe and there was no need for a lamb crisis "if people are sensible"...

#### Woman loosens male grip on whips

■ Jacqui Lait broke into one of the remaining male bastions in the Commons by becoming the first woman to enter the hallowed territory of the Conservative whips office. She was one of four new appointments in John Major's latest reshuffle..

#### Bribe claim rejected

Richard Branson's claim that he was offered a bribe to pull out of bidding to run the National Lottery has been dismissed by the QC who investigated his al-..... Page 1

#### Palace party struck

Three women were injured when they were struck by lightning as they attended a garden party at Buckingham Palace as spectacular storms spread across the Southeast... ...Pages 1, 24

#### Call for surgery curbs

Tighter controls on the number of non-doctors performing operations and medical procedures are being demanded by consultants' leaders amid fears that risks to patients are rising...

#### Judge halts trial

A judge has halted the trial of a policeman accused of indecent assault against two female constables saying the defendant should have had a "sound ticking-off"....

#### High Court 'hell'

Kathy Botham told a High Court jury of the "hell" she had endured as old allegations of sex, drugs and adultery against her husband had resurfaced ...... Page 5

History of failure A report claims that Scottish history lessons dwell too much on heroic failures and gloss over the

#### Angels depart

Carved cherubs and angels with gilt wings that were part of a 19thcentury high altar at St Paul's Cathedral have been sold to America after attempts to save them for the nation failed ...... Page 7

### Britten gets the bird

Proposals for a statue of Benjamin Britten in the town where he lived for 30 years have been rejected after councillors said they would rather money be spent on a bird table..

#### TWA bomb traces

Investigators are trying to confirm a preliminary test revealing traces of a rare explosive on a piece of the wreckage of TWA Flight 800.... .... Page 10

#### Atlanta chaos Organisers of the Atlanta Olym-

pics are trying desperately to stop the centennial Games being renamed the "problems Games". . Pages 11, 48 Tamil toll mounts

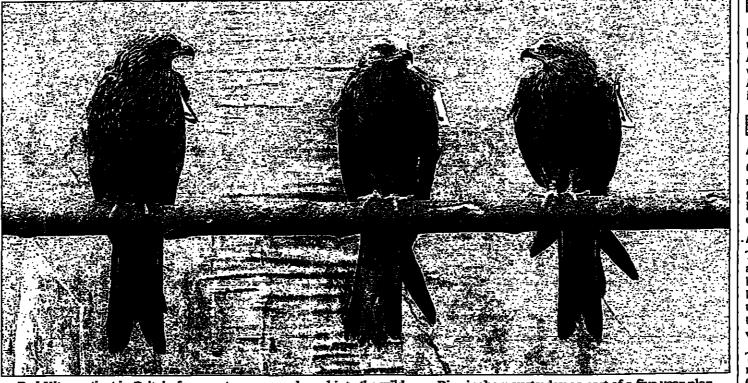
#### The Sri Lankan Army and Tamil Tigers are locked in one of the

greatest slaughters of the civil war, with 1,000 killeed in six days of fighting..... ...... Page 12 Row over viaduct

Sir Norman Foster, the British architect, has won a competition to design a vast viaduct in the south of France, sparking protests that his structure will scar 

#### Booze beat Beethoven to the bar

A scientist claims that some of Beethoven's music might have been inspired by a heart condition brought on by heavy drinking. He believes the sound of Beethoven's miss-beating heart became a key influence, heightened by his deafness. Researchers believe that Beethoven died from kidney failure and liver damage from excessive drinking



Red Kites, extinct in Britain for a century, were released into the wild near Birmingham yesterday as part of a five-year plan

#### BUSINESS

Economy: Business leaders urged the Chancellor to prepare a "cautious" Budget on the basis of new evidence from industry showing modest improvement in manu-

Hallfax: The Halifax Building Society, which is soon to be floated, is to shed 1,200 jobs at its head .... Page 25

Carpet baggers: Allied Carpet's shares romped to a 19p premium on their first day of trading, closing at 234p .... ..... Page 25

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 27.1 points and at the close stood at 3708.4. Sterling's trade-weighted index also rose from 84.7 to 84.9 after an increase from \$1.5498 to \$1.5511 and from DM2.3033 to DM2.3108..... ...Page 28

### SPORT

Olympic Games: Great Britain gained a valuable point from an exciting 2-2 draw with Holland, the favourites in pool B, in the men's hockey competition ...... Page 48

Cricket: A mixture of legal, medical and meteorological considerations is confusing England's preparation for the first Test match against Pakistan at Lord's ..... Page 48

Football: Jordi Cruyff, of Barcelona and Holland, is set to become the next big-name foreign player to appear in Britain. He is negotiating with Manchester United .. Page 40 Racing: Kempton Park is to be

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King of thrills: Jan De Bont explains why, when he is directing high-speed thrillers like Speed or the new Twister, he finds the presence of big-name stars more irksome than helpful ......Page 32

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Milnes writes ... ...Page 33 City lights: At the Royal Court a

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#### TOMORROW IN THE TIMES FILMS

Geoff Brown reviews the spectacular Twister, with Helen Hunt and Bill Paxton (left), and other new releases

#### **BOOKS** Jonathan Meades on Leni Riefenstahl; Enoch Powell on Randolph Churchill

mainly moderate. Max 17C (63F).

### **FEATURES**

Beyond the boundaries: The new nude musical, Voyeurz, opens in a bedroom — and it is all downhill from there, reports Rachel Campbell-Johnston who went on opening ... Page 15

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#### Early for autumn: Fake-fur collars and maxi-coats will keep out the cold this year, and are already coming into the shops ..... Page 14

MEDIA First for chaos: John Goodbody has covered eight Olympics, but has never seen anything as inefficient as Atlanta ....

Grey power: The BBC is finally taking notice of older people with a special season of programmes on being elderly...

THE PAPERS SET Spanish hoteliers live under fear that further attacks on the tourist industry by Eta could severely restrict the number of visitors. For a country that regards tourism as its most important economic indicator, this is a very dangerous development. With its latest series of bomb attacks, Eta has closed the to further deace talks

- Handelsblatt, Düsseldorf | in German ....

#### TV LISTINGS ---

Preview: The surviving Dionne sisters tell their story. Inside Story: Miracle Babies (BBC1, 9.30pm) Review: Matthew Bond finds East-Enders running out of cred-

### OPINION

#### A dim reshuffle

One sign of a long, drawn-out administration is that there are more gifted ex-ministers on the back benches than promising newcomers on their way up......Page 17

#### A process continues

The meeting between Yassir Arafat and David Levy is a promising beginning. A steady political dialogue creates the conditions for mutually beneficial co-operation on the ground...

#### Yule in July

The modern Yuletide instruction is not: "If you believe in Father Christmas, post your letter up the chimney." Nowadays it is: "If you believe in Father Christmas, log

### COLUMNS

### **GORDON BROWN**

The welfare state is failing. The real debate is between privatisation, increasingly advocated on the Right. and modernisation of the welfare

#### ALAN COREN

As I glanced down, I saw that, beneath me, there were 22 toes and, God help me, I looked up at him, and then looked down again, and, worst of all, looked down long enough for him to have no doubt at all about what I was now doing. I was counting.....

#### PETER RIDDELL

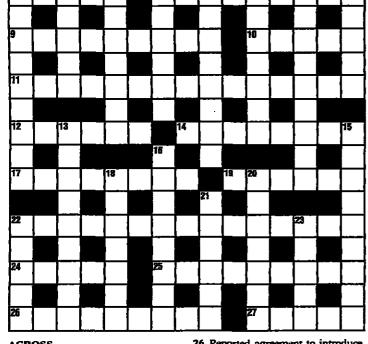
The real difference between the parties on Europe is that Tony Blair could lead his party into a single currency, if he decided there were economic advantages for Britain, whereas John Major cannot. even if he wanted to..... Page 9

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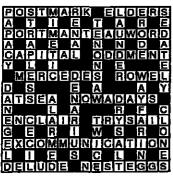


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- 1 Joke 1 finally see, told in old
- language (5). 4 Hikes, using support groups (9). 9 In a study, one's put on string instrument (9).
- 10 Saw result of one footballer being off? (5).
- 11 Authority that Hebrew poets misused (3.6.4.2). 12 Fastening appears to give way (6).
- 14 Money-making knowledge (8). 17 School whip used to distress girls, so to speak (4,4). 19 Take diplomat in fancy car to inner city area (6).
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make extra sense (9).



- 26 Reported agreement to introduce planned fare gradually (9). This controller can get depressed by Oxford (5).
- I Ready for bed, arrange board underneath (9).
- 2 Shell liner in North American port
- 3 Whimsical\_author makes vehicle 4 Was very angry, yet kind of sweet
- Container of cold wine tipped over 6 One tries to remove batter from
- 7 Pinch name held by two firms (9).
- 8 Playwright to give voice listen! (5). 13 Fried dish made from game — the
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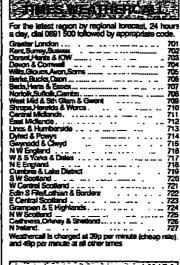
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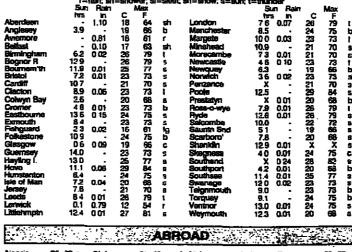
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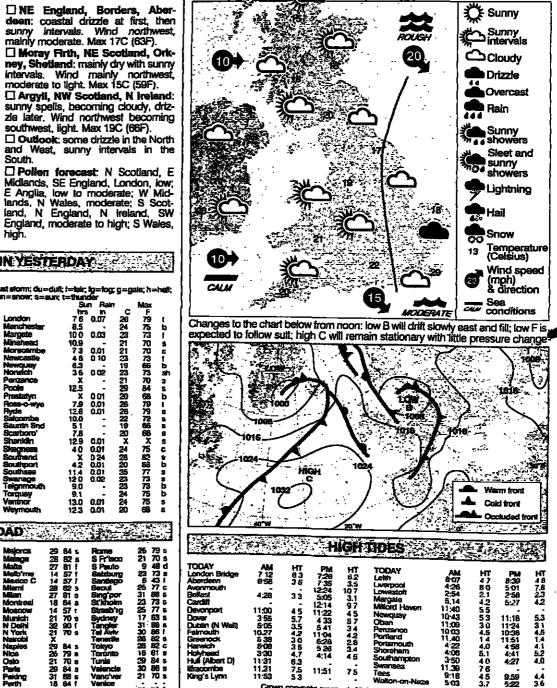
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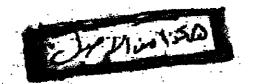
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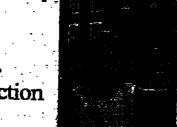


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**BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook** 

Bank moves to plug flaws exposed by Barings collapse

BY ROBERT MILLER

THE Bank of England will today announce wide-ranging reforms that are intended to remedy deficiencies exposed by the £830 million

collapse of Barings.
The Bank will respond to criticism of its role in supervising Barings before the crash, when it publishes a nine-month review of Eupervision, conducted by Arthur Andersen, the accountant

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A key aspect of the review is expected to embrace methods used by the Bank's supervision and

surveillance departmental described ing and retaining staff. It spains in cover the range and level of training and qualification available to supervisors within the Bank.

The Board of Banking Supervision, an independent arm of the Bank, was accused yesterday by a former Barings executive of bowing to "commercial reality and political pressure" in compiling its report into the Barings collapse. Ron Baker, previously head of Barings' financial products group, told the Commons Treasury Select Commitfacts. They were biased by concern cial reality and political pressure. He added that the committee would be "forever dammed by the conclusions of that report".

Afterwards Mr Baker said: "I answered questions about Nick Leeson's trading in the bogus five &s account. Then when I said I was unable to comment on his illicit trading this was portrayed wrongly in the report as a lack of understanding on my part of his authorised dealing activities." lan Hopkins, former head of gather actions that the assumption of the collapsed, also delivered a dazuming indict. Seven insough it was rechnically ment at yesterday's hearing on the bunkings by that stage. "I found lack of supervision and risk commis myself pretty much a lone voice at at Barings Securities. He was also critical of the report saying that he had been "very badly let down", even though he had acted as a "whistleblower" over his concerns about the risk controls, or lack of them, months before the crash.

Mr Hopkins said that had Peter Norris, previously chief executive officer, accepted his proposal for a treasurer to be appointed to the bank's Asian operations in 1994,

"took my points as being critical of structure, he indictated, hid a "a meetings at which there was a lot of table banging and shouting and raised voices, I did everything I could in a difficult and hostile

environment." He said that the reason given for not sending a treasurer to check on the Far East operations was one of cost and that such a role was not in the annual £200,000 budget. When pressed by MPs, Mr Hopkins said he thought that Mr Norris

lems not solely related to Leeson's fraudulent trading. Both Mr Hopkins and Mr Baker said they believed they had been wrongly cast as the two executives most responsible for failing to detect Leeson's activities. Mr Baker said it was "probably easier to blame a bearded Australian (himself)" than other more senior directors.

the structure he put in place". That

raft" of serious reconciliation prob-

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### CBI pleads case for a cautious Budget

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

KENNETH CLARKE, the Chancellor, was urged yestious" Budget, on the basis of new evidence from industry showing a modest improvement in manufacturing, including an increase in business confidence for the

The latest Confederation of British Industry quarterly trends survey showed increases in orders and output. But business leaders gave warning that the pace of improvement was by no means assured", and pressed the Chancellor against any further changes in interest

The survey suggests that employment is still falling. with a balance of 17 per cent of companies saying that they are cutting jobs - 18,000 in the last three months, and probably 23,000 in the next quarter, the CBI said.

Government ministers welcomed the CBI survey as clear evidence of economic improvement, though CBI leaders were considerably more tentative about its results, suggesting that while they indicated manufacturing was beginning to revive, it was still not performing as well as other sectors of the economy.

Andrew Buxton, chairman of the CBI's economic affairs committee and of Barclays Bank, said: "Manufacturing activity is beginning to pick up after grinding to a halt at the beginning of this year."
While he cited increases in

business confidence, and manufacturers' expectations of rising domestic and export orders, he gave warning that "the strength of the expected bounce-back in manufacturing demand and output is not a foregone conclusion - with expectations disappointed over the past year". Nevertheless, Angela

Knight, the Treasury's Economic Secretary, said: "The survey confirms a growing mood of optimism among manufacturers. Output, orders, optimism and investment are all up, while prices are down - and expected to stay down."

Labour welcomed any signs of improvement in manufacturing, but Margaret Beckett, the Shadow Trade and Industry Secretary, said: "It would premature to take this slight increase in confidence as unmitigated good news because the survey makes ILE MOLLAI cators: the percentage of firms planning to invest in capacity expansion has fallen, and jobs in manufacturing are being lost at their fastest rate for two

CBI leaders said that strengthening retail sales suggested the possible emergence of a "feel-better" factor, which has been "conspicuously absent" so far in the recovery, but warned that there was still a gap between this and the reappearance of the full "feel-

The CBI said that the survey indicated a "very difficult background" for any moves towards lower taxes, insisting that tax cuts in the Budget would have to be matched by reductions in spending.

Kate Barker, the CBI's chief economic adviser, said that while the survey showed a slip back into recession in manufacturing had been avoided. its findings would strengthen the case for a cautious

On interest rates, the CBI said that based on the survey's findings there was no case for rates to be cut since manufacturing was improving - but no case for them to be raised either since there were still no inflationary pressures coming

from industry.
The CBI said that in the past four months total new orders rose at the highest rate since July 1995, mainly because of a modest increase in business from abroad. But domestic orders were virtually flat, although demand for consumer goods increased more markedly on the back of strengthen-

ing high street sales.

But it gave warning against over-optimism and cautioned that firms were still threatened by the uncertain outlook for key European export markets, and that output might be held back by a continued backlog of unsold stocks.



SHARES in Allied Carpets romped to a 19p premium on their first day of trading, closing at 234p.
For 160 Allied Carpets em-

ployees who invested at the height of the recession, five years ago, when Ray Nethercott, managing director, led a management buyout from Lowndes Queensway, their investments have risen 75-fold. A £5,000 investment then was worth £400,000 last night. Mr Nethercott borrowed £50,000

Ray Nethercott, whose £50,000 stake in the Allies Carpets brayair, five years ago, was worth £3.5 million yesterday after the company's flotation

By Sarah Cunningham

Shares in Allied Carpets

Carpetright stores, and suggested that like-for-like sales growth was probably in single off to a premium start

investment was worth £3.2 million at yesterday's flotation price, rising to £3.5 million.

A total of 500 staff now hold nearly 11 per cent of the company, with the average stake worth nearly £42,500. Allied Carpets came to mar-

ket at a big discount to the rival Carpetright. Concerned by recent difficulties of new issues such as Jarvis Hotels and British Energy, the company priced its shares at the low end of its 205p-to-235p indicated range. Carpetright shares also shot

ahead, ending 23p up, at 547p, after an upbeat report on trading from Lord Harris, chairman and chief executive He reported sales up 33 per cent in the first 12 weeks of this financial year. However, analysts said that much of the growth was from new

growth was probably in single figures and in line with sales

of other household goods. Rivalry between Allied Car-pets and Carpetright is set to oecome more acute. John Richards, retail analyst with NafWest Markets, said that the two may find it increasingly hard to grab market share from independent retailers, whom customers often favour for their personal service.

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#### Regulators

The National Audit Office over regulators of the electricity, gas, water and telecommunications industries. The NAO asked whether regulators could face more public scrutiny and questioned whether the regulators' working methods should be more transparent. The NAO's concerns will be examined by MPs later this year. Page 26

#### Double digit

SmithKline Beecham is on track to report double-digit growth this year as sales of new drugs in the second quarter more than offset the decline of older products. Page 21, Tempus 28

### **Mersey Docks regains** contract lost in strike

By Carl Mortished

MERSEY DOCKS and Harbour Company has secured the return of Atlantic Container Lines, the American shipping company that quit the Port of Liverpool last month after pressure from US dockworkers acting in sympathy with strikers in the United

Kingdom. However, Mersey Docks is unlikely to reinstate an £8 million payment offered to strikers, worth about £25,000 per employee, that was with-drawn when ACL originally pulled out.

ACL confirmed yesterday that it would be resuming its twice weekly service from New York and Baltimore to Liverpool; the shipping com-pany transferred the business to Thamesport after threats that its vessels would be blacked in US ports. A Mersey

Docks spokesman said an ACL vessel was expected to unload a cargo in Liverpool

Shares in Mersey Docks rose 10 per cent to 383p on news that ACL, which accounted for some £12 million in revenue, was returning to the port.
Mersey Docks sacked 80

workers when the American shipowner pulled out and the port operator cancelled its £8 million settlement to 329 strikers who were dismissed last year. The February offer, worth about £25,000 per man, was rejected in a mass meeting. Since the dismissals, the mpany has hired other staff and it claims productivity

The Liverpool strikers recently mounted a protest in the Port of Montreal by occupying a crane in a failed attempt to influence CAST, another cus-

tomer of Mersey Docks ACL's resumption of its service is the second time that the shipping line has quit the port and returned after action by strikers.

Mersey Docks last month launched court proceedings against the International Longshoreman's Association of America alleging that the union unlawfully caused At-lantic Container Lines to

break its contract. break its contract.

The docks dispute originated when 329 Mersey Docks employees formed a picket me in sympathy with 80 workers sacked from a separate steveloring summany who were demanding employment with Mersey Docks.

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### Northern Rock's float fees at £2m

By Sara McConnell

NORTHERN ROCK Building Society, which yesterday appointed Hoare Govett as stockbroker for its proposed conversion to a bank in the autumn of 1997, said that it has already spent £2 million on work for the conversion, mainly on advisers' fees.

Price Waterhouse and JP Morgan are already advis-ing the society. Members will be balloted next spring on conversion and the setting up of a charitable foundation, to be funded by a proportion of the society's pre-tax profits.

months to June 30 were 16 per cent up on last year, at 186 million. Gross mortgage lending rose by 47 per cent, to £1.6 billion, from £1.08 billion. Net lending was up 77 per cent, at £1.15 billion.

### Halifax cuts 1,200 head office jobs

By Robert Miller

THE Halifax Building Society, which is preparing for flotation, is to shed 1,200 head office jobs. The society, which is seeking improvements in efficiency after its merger with the Leeds Permanent last year, also said it expected to create 1,000 jobs in general insurance over the next 18 months.
The cuts, however, were attacked by the Independent Union of Halifax Staff, which

accused the Halifax of "camoutlaging" the effect of the job losses. Ged Nichols, general secretary of the Halifax union. which earlier this month became affiliated to the TUC, said: "Job losses were to be expected after the merger with the Leeds Permanent Building Society last year.

However, the prospect that over the next 18 months 1,000 new jobs may be created

within general insurance activities and Halifax Direct should not be confused with those who are going to lose their posts now. We have secured the promise that there will be no compulsory redundancies and improved early retirement terms. Even so, there are a lot of worried people out there tonight." Halifax said: "The aim has

been to cut out unnecessary cost and establish the right level of support for future growth and development." The society said that, over the next 18 months, 1,200 jobs will be phased out". It added: "The net position is that by the end of 1997 there will be about

200 fewer jobs in the head

office locations."

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### Stagecoach ready to bid for rest of rail franchises

By Fraser Nelson

STAGECOACH, Britain's biggest private bus operator, said yesterday it will bid for all 12 of Britain's remaining rail franchises.

Announcing record pre-tax profits up 34 per cent at £43.6 million for the year to April 30, Stagecoach, where Ann Gloag is managing director. said it was on the shortlist for the Cardiff Valley and southeast England franchises, and aimed to have a railway portfolio with a turnover be-tween £400 million and £500

The group already owns South West Railways, which has an annualised turnover of £260 million.

Brian Souter, executive chairman, said the decision to go for all of the franchises was primarily a safety measure. If you bid for them all, you are more likely to pick one up," he said.

Passenger South West Railways increased 7 per cent, which Mr Souter said was helped by the group's decision to keep fare increases below inflation. More trains have been planned for the route in

Its bus division increased passenger volume by I per cent, despite a national trend away from bus travel. The group is also to expand its articulated bus service across Britain. At present, two of its 60-foot, 72-seat buses run between Glasgow and Anstruther. It has ordered ten more, to service routes through Lanakshire, Blackpool and Grimsby, among others.

Turnover rose by 48 pe cent to £501 million. helped by a £24.4 million contribution from its four bus acquisitions. The group gained a £15 mil-lion profit from selling its 22 per cent stake in Strathclyde Buses, lifting cash assets from £8.44 million to £70.8 million. Gearing fell from 140 per cent to 110 per cent.

The final dividend is 4.6p, bringing the total for the year to 6.7p (5.3p). Earnings per share rose to 20.3p compared with 16.0p.

Tempus, page 28 | two parallel investigations.



Ann Gloag of Stagecoach, which announced record profits up 34 per cent at £43.6 million, sees a window of opportunity for more bids

### National Audit Office urges shake-up of utility regulators

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

THE industry regulators for electricity, gas, water and telecoms yesterday came under further pressure after the National Audit Office, the public sector watchdog, threw into question key aspects of their operations.

The audit office's concerns will be examined by MPs this year, after another parliamentary inquiry into regulators

By Jon Ashworth

THE trade department has

acted to bring UK competition

rules in line with Brussels,

before a potential monopolies

inquiry into the proposed alli-

ance between BA and Ameri-

can Airlines. The DTI said the

move would reduce risk of

discrepancies arising from

tions are poised to be the biggest public examination of regulated industries.
The NAO has asked wheth-

er the whole of the regulatory structure should be overhauled to create a board of watchdogs rather than individual autonomies.

The European Commission

announced last month that it

would look into the proposed

link-up as part of a wider study of airline alliances. The

Office of Fair Trading is

considering whether to refer BA-AA to the Monopolies and

Mergers Commission for full

Ian Lang, President of the

Board of Trade, said he was

investigation.

The audit office asks if the regulators could be opened to greater public scrutiny to increase their accountability. It

ings should be held in public and whether the regulators' working methods should be Accounts Committee The NAO propositions folmore transparent. It also says that the balance the regulators

should be examined. In some of the hardest hitting language used by the organisation, which is responsible for checking the accounts of government departments as well

are striking between custom-

ers and companies' finances

introducing regulations to en-

able UK authorities to study

the proposed alliance under

EU competition rules. An inquiry would fall under Arti-

cle 88 of the EC Treaty. Mr

Lang said the move would

increase the chance of reach-

ing an early decision with

BA welcomed the move as a

"positive step", and hoped it and better service."

maximum legal certainty.

questions have been drafted for consideration by the Public

low swiftly the announcement by the Trade and Industry Select Committee that it is to

mount an inquiry into utility regulators. Debate by the Public Accounts Committee on the NAO report is scheduled for December, by which time the Trade and Industry Select BA link to be judged on EU rules

would lead to the process

speeding up. A spokesman said: "We are quite prepared

to liaise with any competent

competition authority which

wants to look at what we are

proposing with American Air-

lines, because are confident we

can convince them of the

substantial consumer advan-

tages in terms of lower fares

the electricity transmission business. The Public Accounts Committee will also question how effective regulators have been in communicating their deci-

hearing evidence from the

electricity and gas regulators.

into a large range of the

regulators' operations come in

a comprehensive report to

which all four watchdogs have submitted detailed responses.

Along with issues of ac-countability, MPs will discuss

whether the RPI price cap

formula could be improved.

The RPI-X formula was de-

vised by Stephen Littlechild,

the electricity regulator, and

has been a cornerstone of the

regulation of all privatised industries. However, Profes-

sor Littlechild recently questioned its use in draft

consultations for a new price

round for the National Grid,

Questions from the NAO

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#### sions and action.

### AEAT to be floated by end of year

By Alasdair Murray

THE Government yesterday confirmed that AEA Technology, the science and engineer-ing company, would be privatised by the end of the vear in a flotation expected to value the company at about £200 million.

AEAT was formerly part of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority and speculation had mounted recently that the Government might postpone a float to avoid the embarrassment that followed the British Energy stock mar-ket launch. But the autumn will be the last opportunity to push through the float before

the next election. About half of AEAT's work is in the nuclear sector, although it also provides services to the oil, gas and utility industries. Sir Anthony Cleaver, the chairman, has been pushing for a flotation to allow the company to undertake more private sector and international work.

In the year to the end of March 1995, the company made a profit of £7.4 million on turnover of £257 million. day that it expected to see a substantial improvement in profits for 1996.

### Southern Water gets new chief

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

SCOTTISHPOWER has begun its shake-out at Southern Water, yesterday installing as chief executive the man who took charge of reshaping Manweb. Mike Kinski will move to

Southern Water after less than a year heading Manweb, which ScottishPower bought last summer as the first move in its strategy of becoming a national multi-utility. William Courtney, 71, the present executive chairman of the water company, is expected to retire soon. His contract expires in December and he has indicated a willingness to leave the

company.
Further boardroom moves are expected by the middle of next month as ScottishPower conducts a full review of the business. Attention will focus on the role of Martin Webster. currently managing director of the water company.

Speculation will also surround the likely impact on general staffing levels from the takeover. ScottishPower has emphasised that there will be no compulsory redundancies although it has said that it expects efficiencies to be made on duplicated roles between the two companies.

#### BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### Complex planned for Canary Wharf

PLANS for new homes, a hotel and shops complex at Canary Wharf in London's Docklands were outlined yesterday. The £300 million development of the 11-acre site is the result of a joint venture between Hotel Properties, which is listed on the Singapore Stock Exchange and which will hold a 70 per cent stake, and Canary Wharf, which will hold the rest.

Ong Beng Seng, managing director of Hotel Properties, said: This is a unique opportunity to acquire an interest in the premiere riverside development in London." Canary Wharf is owned by an international consortium led by Paul Reichmann and including Prince al-Waleed bin Talal, a nephew of King Fahd of Saudi Arabia. Mr Reichmann: "Our partnership with Hotel Properties will enable us to realise our vision of a comprehensive mixed use development, com-plete with all the services and amenities that make up such a locality. This is a major venture and we are confident it will also bring opportunities and employment for local people."

### Signet denies sale deal

SIGNET, the former Ratners jewellery group, yesterday denied reports that it has agreed the sale of its UK businesses to Apax Partners, the venture capital group. Signet has signalled its intention to sell the UK businesses - Ernest Jones and H Samuel - and talks with Apax Partners are understood to be at an advanced stage. A sale for about £280 million is expected, with the proceeds to used to cut debts.

Apax is also expected to buy a large stake in Goldsmiths and then perhaps merge it with Ernest Jones or H Samuel. Signet Pennington, page 27 shares closed 12 p up at 242 p.

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### Southend to Hampton

SOUTHEND PROPERTIES, the troubled housing firm, is to change its name to Hampton Trust as part of moves designed to pull itself back to recovery. In the year to March 3i, the group recorded losses of £9.89 million, against pre-tax profits of £2 million the year before. But after restructuring, rental income edged ahead to £19.5 million (£17.7 million). After a property portfolio revaluation, the group found it was £23 million below its original estimates at £238 million. There was no final dividend, leaving the year's total at 0.88p (2.52p). Losses ran to 9.91p per share, against earnings of 1p last time.

### Lease contracts call

ALL rights and financial obligations under lease contracts should be recognised in company accounts, says a paper published by Warren McGregor, of the Australian Accounting Research Foundation. There is a blurred difference between capital-only finance leases, which generally are accounted for, and operating leases, which are not. Joint sponsors of the paper include the International Accounting Standards Committee, the UK's Accounting Standards Board and standard-setters from America, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. The ASB invites comments.

#### **Boost for Stakis**

STAKIS, the hotels and leisure group, yesterday reported a strong rise in room rates and occupancy levels throughout its hotels during the third quarter of this year. But the improvement failed to excite the City and shares fell lp to close at 108p. Occupancy rates increased 3.6 percentage points to 78.6 per cent, while the average room rate rose from £44.46 to £46.85 a night. The casino division also showed an improvement with cash spent for the nine months rising nearly 4 per cent to £203 million as attendances increased 10 per cent to 1.6 million.

### Mitie advances 38%

MITTE GROUP, the provider of services to building owners and occupiers, achieved a 38 per cent increase in profits to £6.3 million in the year to the end of March. Earnings improved to 16.2p a share from 12.2p, an increase of 33 per cent. A final dividend of 2.2p a share lifts the total by 33 per cent to 4p. Turnover of £161 million was 29 per cent higher than in the previous year. David Telling, chairman, said trading in the first three months of the current year had been satisfactory.

### Golden Wonder pledge

GOLDEN WONDER has assured John Bridgeman, the Director-General of Fair Trading, that it will not maintain minimum resale prices on its goods. The Office of Fair Trading requested assurances after a complaint by a distributor of its crisps and snack foods. The complainant had entered into a contract with Golden Wonder which stipulated that payment of bonuses to dealers depended on them not re-selling goods below specified prices. This was a breach of the Resale Prices Act 1976, which outlawed resale price maintenance, said the OFT.

### Go-ahead for oilfield

GOVERNMENT consent for development of the Curlew oil and gasfield in the central North Sea has been granted to Shell UK Exploration and Production, the operator. Approval was announced yesterday by Richard Page, the Energy Minister. A floating production and storage vessel will be used to develop the field, where recoverable reserves are put at 71 million barrels of oil and 244 billion cubic feet of gas. Its life is estimated at eight years. The first oil is expected to be produced in autumn next year.

### Winchester loss grows

WINCHESTER MULTIMEDIA, an entertainment company holding rights to films, television programmes and music, had a pre-tax loss of £1.9 million, or 18.7p a share, in the year to March 31, against a loss of £356,000, or 4.5p a share, in the previous year. Turnover rose twelve-fold to £3.1 million. Winchester said that the deeper loss was due to amortisation costs of Rainhow its first feeture. costs of Rainbow, its first feature film, and the write-off of its investment in ECP, publisher of Ikon magazine. It said it has high hopes for Rainbow, to be released in the UK on Friday.

Full-year profits forecast downgraded

### **Euro Disney growth slows**

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and margins are squeezed.

again in fiscal 1999.

DIFFICULTIES in the French eisure market are catching up with Euro Disney, operator of Disneyland Paris, which saw operating revenues show only a modest increase in the third quarter. Revenues rose 4.5 per cent to Frl.4 million in the three months to June 30, compared with a rise of 8.8 per cent in the previous quarter. First-quarter revenues grew by 17 per cent, boosted by lower entrance fees and the launch of Space Mountain, the

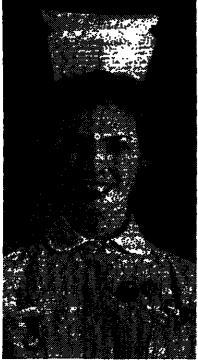
rollercoaster attraction. The shares fell 9p to 162p. Analysts blamed the strong franc and weak French con-

beat, saying it had made good progress in a difficult market. Euro Disney would find it heavy going this year. The three months to September 30 Hotels in Paris are suffering a slump in bookings. Occupancy at Disneyland Paris hotels rose from about 55 per cent in are traditionally the hardest in which to make money, since 1993 to 68.5 per cent in 1995. hotels operate near capacity, Growth in revenues and tight cost control boosted third-Paribas Capital Markets quarter income before excepyesterday downgraded its fullyear forecast for Euro Disney tional items to Fr146 million, compared with Fr91 million in from Fr238 million to Fr189 the same period last year. Net million. Costs are rising as the profits slipped from Fr170 million to Fr147 million, in the interest holiday negotiated with the banks gradually unwinds. Royalties and management fees are due to kick in

absence of an exceptional gain of Fr79 million relating to the repurchase of convertible Euro Disney remained up- bonds.

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☐ Decision day for Bank of Scotland bidders ☐ Signet question is one of timing ☐ More building society jobs at risk

PERHAPS it's the heat. Perhaps the City, or that portion of it not already on holiday, has been too fixated on the tennis, or the golf, or the Olympics. But the sale of a third of the Bank of Scotland has created precious little enthusiasm.

Or perhaps the institutions behind the biggest secondary issue in five years are having trouble whipping up enthusiasm among those shareholders who had previously been given the cold shoulder when they tried to do some basic research on their

investment.
Bank of Scotland, which, with the Royal Bank of Scotland, has the retail market pretty well stitched up north of the border. has since 1985 been 32 per cent owned by Standard Life, the ultimate protective shareholder. That has bred a degree of contentment and complacency unusual even in a member of the Scottish financial mafia.

But the bank has become a victim of its own success. The value of Standard Life's stake grew sixfold, to the point where it represented almost 7 per cent of the UK portfolio. Standard Life had to get out, on any normal reading of its fiduciary duties and to the fury of the bank. Ideally, the stake would have been sold to provide a platform to a potential bidder, and hence at a premium to the market

### Cold shoulder repaid with interest

value. But no bidder could be

found.
The insurer has had to fall back on a secondary issue, which means the shares will go to the market at a discount to their current value. This evening institutions who have bid for stock should learn what the price is and how much they will get. Such secondary issues should be easy to price, because there is already a quoted value for the shares - except that they have tended not to work out thus. The

tended not to work out thus. The second sale of Wellcome shares in 1991 and of the two generators last year had their difficulties.

Most of the bids so far have come in between 215p and 225p, if you believe the bidders. Some of the big institutions have indicated that they will be deciding on their tenders today. Bank of Scotland shares closed at 230½ p last night, and Barclays de Zoete last night, and Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the people who brought you British Energy, say there is little point in their bidding lower

than the high 220s.
Time, and the markets, will tell. What is clear is that the price has been held back by the issue. The shares were 245p when the

sale was announced, and having fallen with the stock market's 80point mini-collapse last week they have not shared in the subsequent recovery. Even sceptical analysis put a fair value of 250p on the shares.

Their scepticism comes because Bank of Scotland's way out of the Scotlish box it is locked into the keet has a locked.

into — the bank has a low profile 4 per cent of the market in England — has perforce been into low margin areas such as corporate lending and mort-gages. As a result, in the various indices the City uses to measure banks, the Bank of Scotland lags sadly behind its rivals.

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☐ THE sale of the Ernest Jones and H Samuel chains of jewellers by their owner Signet, né Ratners, is one of those stories waiting to happen this summer. Carlsberg Tetley that may or may not once again be imminent. The only question is the timing of the deal.



So what does one make of a report in the Financial Times that a purchase is agreed? It prompted an immediate denial from Signet, forced on the company by the Stock Exchange. Signet, rather like Bass as it happens, has always adopted the dignified approach that if anything is imminent the appropriate announcement will be made. Until then speculation is free, but it will remain

The other sides to the deal, Jurek Piasecki at Goldsmiths Group, Signet's main high street rival in the jewellery trade, and Apax Partners, the venture capital group, were lying low yesterday. The deal, when it comes, will involve Apax buying the two

chains for anything up to £280 million and then merging one or both with Goldsmiths, which is to small to raise the necessary

Mr Piasecki, one of that breed of entrepreneurs with few doubts about their abilities, has in the past been free with his ambitions to own Ernest Jones and H Samuel — sometimes to the embarrassment of their current owner, which has had to haul back market expectations. His reticence yesterday is probably significant. Both sides are keen on a deal, but the buyer seems the keener. A report of its imminence would serve only to put pressure on the seller.

The final disposal of the two chains, for a price that wipes out

most of Signet's debt, will allow the relocation of the head-quarters across the Atlantic to where the rest of the business is. The last barrier will be the fate of the preference shareholders, including a group of trouble-makers who have been making life difficult for the management. Assuming they can be squared with enough of the ordinary

capital, Signet can then be an

American-quoted, American-based business. Few on the London market will mourn its

The two faces of Halifax

THERE is an element of double-talk in the Halifax's proud boast to be creating 1,000 new jobs that the unions, at least, have not been slow in picking up on. A thousand new jobs may be created, but 1,200 are definitely going, a clear case of five steps forward (possibly) and then six steps back.

The announcement, of course, is aimed at a City audience that must be reassured that the Halifax is shedding staff fast. Those potential new jobs are in areas such as direct insurance that by their very nature operate with a small workforce, and highly competitive areas too where decisions to expand can easily be reversed if the market becomes too crowded.

The actual job losses are very real, coming from the existing workforce. By the time the Halifax is a bank, it intends to be as lean as the rest of them. Except that by then the banks will probably have moved on further and cut more jobs, to which the Halifax will have to respond —

with more job losses.

It is too late now, but given the new freedoms made available in the Building Societies Bill to go into insurance and so on, one must wonder whether the Halifax really needs a stock market float, and all the attendant brutality merely to please the City, to achieve its aim of being the biggest provider of personal financial services.

Red flag . . . red rag ☐ THE latest from the barricades and braziers at Mersey Docks is one of those futile, self-defeating trade union sagas that should provide a frisson of nostalgia for anyone old enough to have done their homework by

candlelight during the power strikes of the 1970s. The dockers were offered cash for good behaviour, but they cut up nasty anyway. So Atlantic Container Lines, an important customer decided to go elsehere. Atlantic has changed its mind and come back. Mersey Docks, in a rather bener negotiating position, is no longer offering the cash. All together now: "While cowards flinch and traitors sneer..."

### Warning hurts **Filofax** shares

By Sarah Cunningham

ABOUT £32 million was yesterday wiped off the value of shares in Filofax, the personal organiser company, after it surprised the City with a warning that first-half profits were likely to fall.

The shares plunged 105p to 165p. The holdings of Filofax directors, who own about three million shares, were devalued by more than E3 million.

The company said that it had issued the warning because its largest UK customer, understood to be WH Smith, was reducing its stocks

products. Robin Field, chief executive of Filofax, said that a drop in orders from the company's third-party distributor in Japan was also going to hit profits. Lower than expected growth in the US was also cited as a

The company said that first-half profits would be "not less than £2 million", compared with £2.9 million in the same period last year. Second-half profits would be "at least" the same as the £3.7 million achieved last year, it said.

City followers immedreduced their forecasts for full-year pre-tax profits for 1996-97 to £5.7 million from their earlier levels of more than £8 million. The company made a pre-tax profit of £6.6 million in the year ended March 30, 1996.

Filofax, which this time last year bought Topps of England, the maker of Microfile personal organisers, controls more than 80 per cent of the UK market

Yesterday's profits warning came as a sharp contrast to the rosy picture painted by the company when it delivered its 1995-96 results a month ago. It then highlighted the potential for growth in Europe and other overseas

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### New drugs sales soar to boost SB profits

SMITHKLINE Beecham, the Anglo-American pharmaceuticals group, said it was on track to report double-digit growth this year as sales of new drugs in the second quarter more than offset the decline of older products. The sales increase was

strong enough to mask several soft spots, including falling trading profits at the clinical laboratories division, which is providing drug testing at the Atlanta Ölympics, and a continued lack of earnings at Diversified Pharmaceutical Services (DPS), the US pharmaceuticals-benefit manager acquired in 1994 for \$2.3 billion.

SmithKline said sales of new products reached £370 million in the quarter, up 46 per cent. Star performer was Seroxal/-Paxil, the antideoressant, Sales grew 59 per cent to £171 million. Another strong performer was Relaten, the arthritis medicine, which saw sales rise 45 per cent

to £75 million. The biggest decline was registered by Tagamet, the ulcer drug, which is losing its pat-ents. Its sales dropped 56 per cent to £56 million in the quarter. Jan Leschly, chief executive, said Tagamet's declines would ease from now on. Overall sales in the quarter to.

June 30 grew 17 per cent to £1.92 billion. Pre-tax profits were up 14 per cent to £342 million. Earnings per share were 8.3p against 7.4p and an interim dividend of 4p will be paid on October 15. Comparisons with the previous dividend are not relevant because the dual-share structure was recently replaced with a single class of ordinary shares.

in the half year, pre-tax profits fell 38 per cent to £729 million on sales of £3.8 billion, up 13 per cent. The profits were down because of the gain of £512 million booked last year on the sale of the animal health business.

The profits were at the high end of analysts' forecasts and helped to push up the shares

8.5p to 696p.
Mr Leschly said that DPS is breaking even on an operating basis and will probably start contributing to earnings in the next financial year. The profit decline at clinical laboratories, meanwhile, is easing.

SmithKline, he said, plans to remain independent. A merger or takeover will not be contemplated as long as the company is experiencing strong organic growth through product launches.



Kim Tan, managing director of KS Biomedix Holdings, said trials of its rheumatoid arthritis drug were making good progress. The company, which raised £3.65 million via an AIM flotation in October, lost £218,163 in the year to May 31.

### Glaxo drug restricts Aids in trials



Svkes: shares up

rose yesterday after a trial showed that treatments that included Epivir, one of the company's HIV drugs, showed a marked reduction in the progression of Aids

among patients.
As a result, Glaxo, which is the largest pharmaceuticals company in the world and led by Sir Richard Sykes, the deputy chairman and chief

SHARES in Glaxo Wellcome executive, has halted an international Epivir study in order to allow the patients on place bos to take the treatment. The study, which involved almost 1,900 patients across Europe, Canada, Australia and South Africa, began in the spring of last year and had been due to end next March.

By Eric Reguly

The trial showed that 54 per cent fewer HIV patients treated with Epivir, whose generic

name is 3TC, went on to contract Aids or die, compared with patients on the placebo. The Epivir had been administered with Retrovir, also known as AZT, an anti-HIV drug that is also made by

The International Aids Conference in Vancouver carthis month renewed hope that the use of so-called combination treatments can reduce Aids virus levels. In such treatments, Epivir and so-called protease inhibitor, which blocks one of the enzymes essential for the virus to replicate.

Epivic was licensed Glaxo in 1990 and has received regulatory approval in the US, but not in Europe. Glaxo shares closed vesterday at 911 pp, up 20 pp.

### Hinchliffe acts to oust receivers from company

STEPHEN HINCHLIFFE, the controversial Sheffield businessman, is attempting to wrestle control of what is left of his collapsed Facia empire from KPMG, the receivers.

Mr Hinchliffe has asked

Buchler Phillips, the accountant, to step in as liquidators of Facia, which collapsed eight weeks ago with debts of over £10 million, and claims he can use his powers as a director to place the company into voluntary liquidation. He said that, as KPMG has sold all the Facia businesses — which included Red or Dead, Oakland and Sock Shop, the retail chains — and can pay off the banks and other secured credi

tors, its work was done. Tony Thompson, who leads the KPMG team, said it is resisting the move as he says there is more to do. High on his agenda is recovering a £2.5 million interest-free loan made by Facia to Colibri and French & Scott, companies controlled by Mr Hinchliffe.

Mr Thompson is considering legal action to recover that and other debts owed by companies controlled by Mr Hinchliffe which could run to more than £5 million.

Mr Hinchliffe has yet to provide a statement of affairs, something he was required to do under law one month ago. He has asked Baker Tilly, the accountant, to work on the report, but wants KPMG to pay for it. The two accountancy firms are currently arguing over whether KPMG should pay — and how much.
This is not the only area of

dispute between KPMG and Mr Hinchliffe, who next week faces qualified as a director on an unrelated case. Allied Industrial Estates, a company owned by Mr Hinchliffe, evicted KPMG from Facia's headquarters this month, claiming £189,000 in back rent. KPMG is also investigating £1 million of payments to his companies described as finder's fees for Pacia deals.

### Lotus chief fires board after clash

By Kevin Eason, motoring editor

ROMANO ARTIOLI, controversial chairman of Lotus, esterday fired his board and installed himself in the driving seat of one of Britain's most famous carmakers.

THe four directors, plus Martin Brostoff, the company secretary, paid the penalty for criticising Mr Artioli for asking too much money for Lotus. which he has been promising to sell for over a year.

Estimates range as high as E70 million for a business that will make only about 1,000 cars next year but has a renowned engineering division.

The directors are believed to have been pushing Mr Artioli to drop the price to pave the way for a sale which they wanted quickly to secure the future of the business. The row culminated in a heated meeting last week in which the

directors threatened to put the business into receivership, un-less Mr Artioli ended the uncertainty.

But the Italian chairman answered yesterday by having the five executives, who were not being named last night but are thought to include Neeraj Kupur, the acting managing director, escorted from Lotus's headquarters at Hethel, near

Lawyers went to the company and executives called in to be told they were being 'removed".

Security men then walked the directors past astonished staff to the factory gates. Later, the 1,100 staff were handed a message from Mr Artioli, who bought Lotus from General Motors three years ago for £25 million, saying the directors had been removed over "a fundamental disagreement".



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### Bank of Scotland hovers just above year's low

BANK of Scotland was whisker above its low for the year amid growing speculation in the City that the sale of the bulk of Standard Life's 32 per cent would flop.

Shares in Bank of Scotland finished 12p easier at 2302p compared with the year's low of 230p, but they have fallen from 3120 since the start of the year. Rival brokers claim BZW is struggling with the book-building exercise for 351 million shares estimated to be worth £807 million. Standard Life has not said how many of these shares it intends to sell, but brokers say it may choose to keep about 2 per cent of the company. Standard Life now owns 30 per cent of the bank.

BZW countered last night by claiming further demand for the shares, with bids pitched in the high 220s area. The book-building should be completed by later today, with news of pricing and allocations expected tomorrow. City speculators say Standard Life will be lucky if the price is pitched at 225p.

The rest of the equity market bounced back, helped by a positive overnight performance on Wall Street and early opening gains for the Dow Jones industrial average. The FT-SE 100 index closed near its best of the day. cheered by a positive CBI survey. It finished 27.1 higher at 3,708.4 as a total of 605 million shares change hands.

City investors have become excited by news that Glazo Wellcome is making headway in the battle against Aids. The shares rose 20'2 p to 911'2 p as it emerged that tests on Epivir, its Aids treatement, had been halted after breaching the recognised success threshold.

Tests concluded that about 54 per cent of sufferers gained some relief compared with a sample of those on a placebo. HIV sufferers who took part in the study will now receive a combination of Epivir and Retrovir, the group's other Aids treatment.

A strong rise in sales of pharmaceuticals helped SmithKline Beecham to raise first-half pre-tax profits by £42 million to £342 million. The shares responded with a rise of 8½p of 696p.

British Steel rose 4½p to

172p before today's annual meeting. Brokers say the group should have some encouraging words for shareholders. Railtrack responded positively to news of manage-

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British Steel rose 42p to 172p before today's annual meeting

ment changes with a rise of 6p at 2142p, but there was little support for British Energy, unchanged at 97p, which continues to trade at a discount to the 100p partly paid offer

Mersey Docks stood out with a leap of 36p at 383p after a change of heart by its biggest customer, Atlantic Container Line. It is to return to the Port

billion and, for next time round, from £4.2 billion to £4.55 billion.

Carpetright, the high-flying carpet retailer headed by Lord Harris, responded to news of strong sales growth with a rise of 23p at 547p. In the first 12 weeks of the current financial year, sales were a 33 per cent ahead on the corresponding period last year. Lord Harris

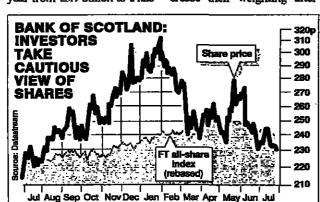
Kingfisher, the Woolworth, Comet and B&Q retailer, rose 12p to 620p after a profit upgrade from BZW. Kingfisher has had a series of briefings with brokers ahead of its closed season. BZW has raised its forecast for the year by £10 million to £355 million. It has pencilied in a figure of £390 million for next year.

of Liverpool after a month's absence. ACL had switched its service to Kent.

HSBC also advanced 25 p to £10.68 as at least two brokers began pushing the shares. Goldman Sachs, the US securities house, has added HSBC to its buy list, while Merrill Lynch has upgraded its profit numbers. It has lifted its estimate for the current year from E3.9 billion to E4.26

told the annual meeting that with the housing market and economy improving the group market share had grown to somewhere in the region of 14 per cent.

His comments coincided with the first day of trading in Allied Carpets, a rival. The shares were piling on the premium in early trading as institutions attempted to in-crease their weighting after



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being scaled down during the initial placing. Priced at 215 the shares opened at 228p ar climbed to a peak of 234 where they closed with premium of 19p as more tha nine million shares we

Also making its public de but was Selector, the Israe company specialising drinks dispensing equipmen The shares, placed at 66p of the Alternative Investme Market, opened at 70p an traded quietly for the rest the session, maintaining premium of 4p.

But Therapeutic Antibo ies failed to achieve a prem um in first-time dealings after a placing at 500p. The price opened at 498p and slipped to low for the day of 496p, before rallying to close at 509p, a discount of lop.

The decision not to launch a counter-bid for Docks de France, the French retailer, enabled Tesco, the supermarket group, to repair some of the recent damage to its price with an increase of 8p to

BSkyB, the satellite broadcaster in which News International, owner of The Times, has a 40 per cent stake, advanced 14p to 294p excited by the news that Bertlesmann and Kirch, the German media groups, were in talks. Earlier this month, BSkyB and Kirch agreed to provide a digital television system for the German market.

☐ GILT-EDGED: News that the latest auction had been heavily oversubscribed provided only temporary support to the rest of the bond market. The £2 billion of Treasury 8 per cent with a dual maturity date 2000/03 was covered 4.81 times. It enabled prices in the rest of the market to pick up after a slow start, but a bullish survey from the CBI saw those gains quickly curtailed. In the futures pit, the Sep-

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### The next stage

market that is maturing. Owners of bus companies want high prices for their local franchise, which rather defeats the acquisition-driven strategy of Stagecoach. Also on the horizon is a big question mark from the Labour Party. It promises more regulation to end the chaos of "bus wars" on the high streets but, typically, the bosses of new Labour are vague on the details.

Stagecoach should not be overly concerned about buses but should be worried about trains. If order and more structure is what Labour wants, it is likely to favour the big companies over the smaller fry, the latter being less able to afford the quality of service and reliability demanded by a regulator. The

HAVING grabbed 17 per cent of the UK bus market is a greater impediment to Stagecoach — high prices now preclude big acquisition gains. The immediate challenge is to deliver gains. The immediate challenge is to deliver the promised margin gains at South West Trains and secure further train franchises.
In the first few months of ownership, the

business scraped into profit on the back of a 7 per cent surge in passenger volumes. Stagecoach could make £1 million from SWT in the current year and estimates of a 13 per cent reduction in variable costs suggest Stagecoach could be generating profits of E12 million by April 1998. That depends on achieving big reductions in staff, a factor of which the rail unions will be acutely aware. Large profits from rail franchises will also irritate the Labour Party. In the short term, Stagecoach has little interest in squeezing the last drop out of South West Trains.

#### Filofax

ALMOST a decade after its flotation, the Filofax share price has again been hit by news of growth deferred. There is a curious symmetry to the collapse and recovery of the company. It may be fanciful to muse that a profit warning at Filofax presages a 1987-style market crash but certain worries about the company recur.

A month ago Filofax vibrated with good feeling only to warn yesterday about sluggish markets and de-stocking by UK and Japanese retailers

This will hurt first-half profits and reduce the full-year result to about £5.7 million, well below forecasts of £8.2 million. Protestations from Filofax that it knew nothing of the trading problems in June must be believed but only serve to increase the impres sion that the business is too

seasonal and too volatile to be worthy of a public quotation. A business that earns most of its living in the runup to Christmas must live with big swings in stocks and the problems of its major customer, WH Smith, had been well publicised.

That said, yesterday's sell off looks exaggerated and suggests that some shareholders have simply lost patience. Once the de-stocking cycle has run its course, profits should recover but there is a long-term caveat. Electronic organisers, which the company dismisses as a work gadget, are fast over-taking Filofax as the gift of choice for the executive who has everything. Filofax must live and die with fashion.

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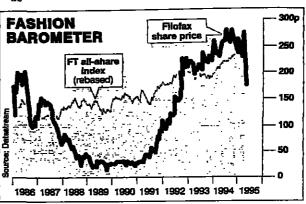
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#### Pharmaceuticals

PHARMACEUTICAL companies have to throw dice in their research labs but they can live with one certainty: government cut-backs and competition will keep a lid on drug prices in North America and Europe, their larget markets. The trend, in fact, is for price deflation. Vote-hungry politicians find it convenient to blame the drug companies for spiralling health costs.

There are two solutions to the problem. One is to exploit markets outside North America and Europe; the other is to increase R&D spending in an effort to launch more new products. New drugs command high prices because their patents make them

Investors looking for longterm growth should, therefore, choose companies with several companies stand out: one third of SmithKline Beecham's products have

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been introduced since its merger in 1990. Glaxo Wellcome is cheaper, but it is too early to tell how well it will be able to manage the decline of Zantac. But the leader is Pfizer of America which shows no signs of slowing down with sales growth of 25 per cent last year and II per cent in the second quarter on the back of new drugs. The shares, though, are near their high for the vear. Investors should wait for them to come off the boil.

#### Carpetright BLINK and Carpetright will

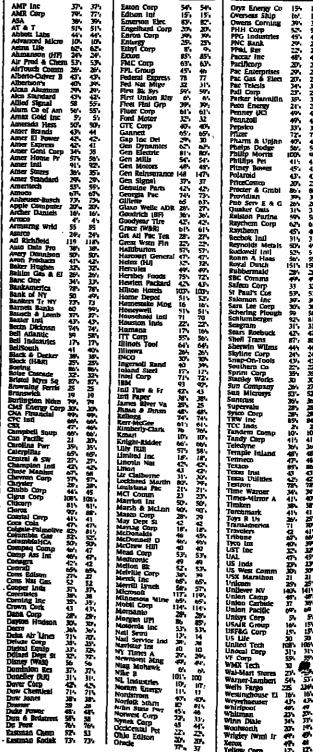
have increased the pace of its store opening programme by another north. They would have you believe otherwise the recently floated Allied Carpets are glaring at each other across the concrete wastes of the edge-of-town re-

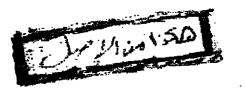
unfortunate high street independents. They cannot compete on cost with a chain that boasts high volumes and sophisticated distribution

techniques. The question is how long the two chains will avoid stepping on each other's toes. Carpetright claims 14 per cent of the market and wants to double its share but Allied has similar ambitions with plans to open 20 stores this

With plans to open 40 Carpet Depot superstores this year, Carpetright's strategy looks suspiciously like carpet bombing. Analagous to war, the approach to retailing runs the risk of killing the market that the retailer seeks to capture. Sooner rather will encroach on each other's territories. They will then begin to sacrifice margin in an effort to keep sales moving, if they are not doing so

### So far, the carpet barons have contented themselves with stealing business from **EDITED BY CARL MORTISHED** DOLLAR RATES . WAL STREET Jul 23 Jul 22 midday dosc OTHER STERLING





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#### Hopkins the whistleblower

IAN HOPKINS, former head of group treasury and risk at Barings, yesterday gave MPs a fascinating insight into the final days at the merchant bank. Hopkins, who was giving evidence to the Treasury Select Committee is regarded in some quarters as whistleblower for mying to raise concerns over Barings's lack of risk controls. He was fired from the senior management committee on which Peter Norris, the former chief executive officer sat. What MPs wanted to know was why. "I was told I had got right up Peter Norris's

#### Numbers game

FULL marks to the Halifax for its craftily worded announcement yesterday. not to mention its mathematics. The first para-graph, from the building society that is planning a £10 billion flotation, highlighted its "potential to create 1,000 jobs over the next 18 months". Further down, the Halifax came clean: "Over the same period approximately 1,200 jobs will be phased out as more efficient procedures are introduced. The net position is that by the end of 1997 there will be about 200 fewer jobs in the head office locations."



a new carpet"

#### Dripping wet

UNITED UTILITIES, the water and power group facing a shareholder revolt over executive pay, is putting up a brave defence after forking out a fortune to lease one of the capital's most expensive buildings as its London's headquarters. The company that signed a lease for the 9.000 sq ft building in Mayfair says it will require two out of five floors to be kept free for business meetings. United Utilities explained the reasoning behind the group's move from Old Queen Street: "Our present London office runs on Thames Water, and the pressure is so fast, that people regularly come out the loos looking soaked."

#### Siren voices

WOMEN, sex, and power is the head-turning story tackled in Fortune maga-zine. The US business bimonthly focuses on seven sirens from the US who have rocketed through the glass ceilings, sending temperatures soaring. According to Fortune: "They embrace — even flaunt their femininty and sexuality to get where they want to be." Step forward Charlotte Beers, 61, chief executive officer at Ogilvy & Mather Worldwide, who calls CEOs "honey" and "darlin". She has even been known to refer to Lou Gerstner, CEO at IBM, as "that adorable little man". Dede Brooks CEO at Sotheby's, and Linda Marcelli, Merrill Lynch's district director in New York, are also on the list.

AS SHOPPERS dive towards the freezer section at Safeways around the country, tripping one another up in their pur-suit of a cold lolly, a basket of bargain goodies 's being sadly neglected. In the spirit of the summer sales, Holt's anti-freeze and deicer is on offer at enticing discount prices.

MORAG PRESTON

# Parties see fine-tuning as next step in power politics

Christine Buckley on

energy, now high up as a poll issue

reg Knight, the new Energy Minister, yesterday moved from the Deputy Chief Whip's office into one of the most crucial political roles in the run-up to a general election. When the Liberal Democrats became the first political party to bring out a pre-election energy policy, with a carbon tax as its cornerstone, they began one of the key

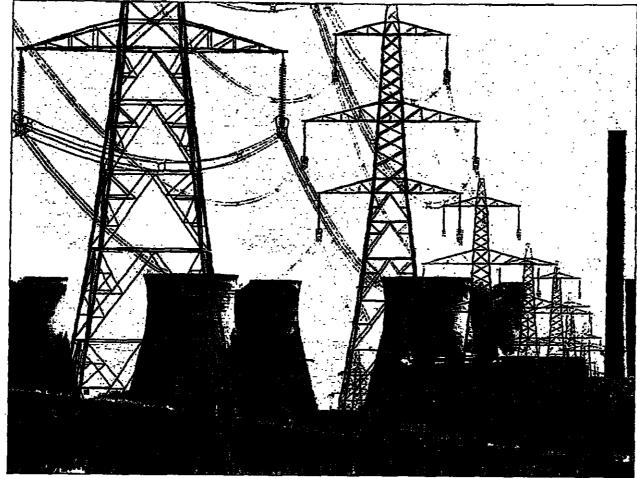
campaign debates.
The Lib Dems took the first round, with energy politics likely to be important in the light for votes. The public eye has been well locked on to utilities through disputes over executive pay. And as the programme to introduce competition to household power progresses, energy will stay near the top of the political agenda. Its ticket is a loaded one, spanning consumer is-sues, regulatory control, the

environment and competition. Labour's plans for a £3 billion windfall tax have raised the stakes in the public backlash against power and water companies. Later this year, the political parties' post-conference campaigning will coincide with a review by the Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee of the gas and electricity regulators, focusing attention further. Details of what we shall see

from the main parties is unclear, as yet, but some framework is emerging. Dieter Helm, an energy economist, commented recently that the similarities between Labour and the Conservatives are greater than the differences. He accused the two main parties of short-termist strategies unlikely to provide a solid basis for energy utilities. In an editorial in Energy Utilities, he said: "Just as Europe seems to be getting its energy and Britain's politicians seem content with an old-fashioned

round of utility bashing." Energy has changed almost beyond recognition under the Conservative Government, as a result of privatisation. Ahead of the next election, the Conservatives are likely to make much of falling domestic bills and the embryonic structure that will soon allow the nation to shop around for power. They will, of course, be attacked for the companies' huge profits and for the big paybacks to shareholders, most notably National Power's £1.1 billion special dividend.

The clearest sign yet of what the Conservatives may do with their energy policy came re-cently in a speech to the Royal Institute of International Af-



Transformation of the energy industry has forced politicians to rethink their policies for the next general election

fairs by Tim Eggar, who yesterday resigned as Energy Minister, and in his response in a Commons debate on energy. Although attention will soon switch to the likely policies drafted by the new Energy Minister, the industry will, for now, still be focusing on Mr Eggar's words.

One possibility mooted was a new surcharge on electricity bills to encourage use of clean coal or even the further use of

Mr Eggar said: "An open approach would concentrate the minds of both consumers and producers, and ensure a rigorous examination of the options." However, he indicated that further support of renewables, such as wind, wave and solar power, may not be guaranteed once they proceeded sufficiently

Mr Eggar's highlighting of clean coal is an interesting hint

of what a future Conservative government may do to support the coal industry. Although avoiding immediate support for a mixed-fuel economy, saying that fears over the power industry's dependence on gas are overplayed. Mr Eggar hinted at help for coal. This will cheer a coal industry that has campaigned for govern-ment help in the costly development of clean-up technolo-

most likely to want to take up the mixed-fuel case and to produce a structure in which coal could survive after the end of the current contracts with the generators in 1998. Coal-mining, past and present, dominates much of Labour's heartland.

gies for the fuel.

Instead, Labour has embraced man on industry, warning of



Tim Eggar, left, John Battle and Matthew Taylor have put their parties' points

the ideal of competition in doits effect on the competitivemestic supply, signalling the customer rewards it can bring. ness of companies hit by it.

One specific upon which Labour recently touched was a possible shake-up of the electricity pool. The little understood, but highly criticised, labyrinthine structure that administers electricity pricing, trading and settlement, could be reorganised. John Battle, Shadow Energy Minister, in-dicated that Labour could look at replacing it with a Swedish model that would not involve pooled power and hinted that nuclear generation may lose its present privileged position. sending a shockwave through the British Energy flotation. The windfall tax proposed part of the present fossil fuel

by Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, is bound to cast a pall over energy policy and has lit up divisions within no longer on Labour's agenda. with Kim Howells, spokes-



While Labour aims to raise £3 billion from its windfall tax, the Liberal Democrats' target from their carbon tax - to be levied on energy sources — is £1 billion. Positioning themselves for the green vote, the Lib Dems, for whom Matthew Taylor speaks on environmental and energy matters, would institute a carbon tax to provide a long-term incentive for energy conservation, with revenue from the tax used to cut VAT and other taxes. The party also plans a levy to fund investment in energy conser-vation, which would go on electricity bills in place of that

to strengthen conditions on the companies to ensure that they embrace energy conservation investment. The party says it wants to ensure that suppliers compete not only in providing energy but in energy conservation. The Lib Dems decided, after much debate, to endorse the liberalisation of the domestic gas and electricity markets. Originally, policy-makers had argued for a halt to fragmentation and the implementation of renewable geographical fran-

levy that supports nuclear

The Lib Dems also propose

chises for power supply.

However, like Labour, the party seems to have accepted that the goalposts have been changed so fundamentally in energy provision that there really is no turning back from privatised, and rapidly liberalised, markets. It is, rather, a case of fine-tuning them.



### Feeling good? Now for the true figures

eaders should know better than to worry about recent market rumbles; these come, like thunder, with a hot July. The bosses are on holiday, and the mice in red braces play. Not quite idly: they are trying to scare up a bonus for Christmas. Will Wall Street crash? Is Kenneth Clarke playing politics? Will the Fed raise rates, or the Bund-esbank cut them? All good worrying points, but all questions with the same answer. probably not.

Much better to spend the time trying to understand the big unknowns. Why is inflation so low? Why, three years into a recovery, does nobody outside the Square Mile seem to feel good? Why is growth still so sluggish, compared with past recoveries? Is all this a passing phase, or a sign of fundamental change? In stock market terms, are bonds a trap, or the buy of a lifetime? These questions matter, and the best help I have seen for some time in fumbling for an answer has just come in from Flemings. Peter Warburton has pulled together months of research into the British labour market, and revealed all.

His central point many of the answers have been published by the Government, but not in the figures we usually watch — the unemploy-ment figures (largely politic-al) or even those for employment (accurate, but still misleading). They are in the de-tail of the official Labour Force Survey. This consists of 42 pages of solid numbers, so thanks to Warburton for pre-digesting them: and to the Employment Policy Institute and the Equal Opportunities Commission for revealing extra details.

reasons. These numbers turn a lot of accepted ideas on their head. Many people think the UK is leading Europe in solving the unemployment problem: the numbers are coming down, more people than ever are in jobs, and real wages are rising (look at the numbers for real disposable income, or RPDI). Everyone ought to vote Tory in gratitude - except that they say they won't. On the facts according to Warburton, this

Employment is in fact

in a rut, as they were for a decade in the US. It is working - we are more competitive - but it is still hurting. And how can these figures, which are official, be reconciled with the equally official figures which ministers prefer to discuss? As follows. Employment, measured by the number of paid jobs, is indeed up; but the number of paid hours which the market demands is down 5 per cent since 1990, because jobs, like amoebae, have multiplied by splitting. In 1986, less than 8 per cent of mature men were in part-time work; today, it is nearer 20 per cent.

Wages? Real income from employment fell precipitously in the 1991 recession, and has not yet recovered the loss; even those in work have achieved only a standstill. This year's rise in RPDI (feared in the bond market as showing a rise in costs) is due largely to interest, dividends and rents. In other words, it is not an employment cost, and is at the disposal not of the voters. but of their pension fund managers. The managers are no doubt enjoying performance bonuses; but who else is feeling good?

Il this is bad news not just for the Conserva-Tatives, but for prospective retail sales. The increase in pay differentials makes matters worse the gap be-tween the top and bottom deciles of wage earners has risen from about 24 times in 1980 to 3.8 times today. A large number of people are worse off than they were when Mrs Thatcher came to

But what is bad for personal well-being and for Tory candidates may be good for are not only much better behaved than the headlines have suggested, but likely to stay that way. Part-timers are not militant, and are easily shed if demand is weak. If the economy does slacken, as recent consumer borrowing figures suggest, expect had employment news, but good news on costs.

More to it? Of course; lots more. This is hardly even a sketch of Warburton's distillation of a mountain of hope, to whet your appetite.



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### Fraser Nelson on the 'Year 2000 Problem' for business

### Facing up to millennium meltdown

nightmare began with a tin of corn beef, rejected on the ground that it was 96 years out of date. The store's longest lasting food, its bestbefore date ran into the new millennium, throwing the quality-control computer into confusion. It was found that the computer could recognise dates only in the 20th century. M&S had become one of the first casualties of millennium melidown.

After years of laughing at the scare stories. British industry has started to take the "Year 2000 Problem" much more seriously. It has become clear that almost every type of enterprise, from coffee machine makers to the Defence Ministry, has software than cannot calculate past 1999. The problem is simple. Soft-

ware systems that store dates in dd/mm/yy format are un-able to differentiate between 2001 and 1901, identifying both as '01' For display purposes, this poses no problem: if a computer dates a letter 2/2/01, its reader will get the message. But in business, computers subtract one date from another and will throw up an error if told that an insurance policy starts in 97 and ends in 01. As the millennium aproaches, this faulty

into a digital abyss. On the whole, business had hitherto supposed that such a simple problem must have a simple solution. Seen as more of a headache than a time-

arithmetic is plunging systems

bomb, the task was postponed. Rob Wirszycz, director-general of the Computing Services and Software Association, says that procrastination has taken computer systems to the brink of collapse.

He adds: "It has been put off for decades, and as a result, we're looking at the biggest threat to business continuity since terrorism. Correcting a line of data may be easy, but the sheer scale and complexity of the network makes correction a logistical nightmare." Updating a system is done

in three stages. First, an impact analysis works out which records need changing. and whether it is worth replacing the system altogether. the operation is

planned, which takes between three to five months. Lastly. the records are undated - a matter of adding two digits -and the whole system has to work in harmony. One line of overlooked data can send the system crashing again.

The costs of correction vary. Royal Bank of Scotland paid £300,000 for the impact analysis alone. Data costs £1.50 per line to ammend, but given that most systems contain hun-dreds of thousands of lines, the cost to large institutions can run into millions. One report estimated the worldwide costs of correction at £600 billion.

Businesses are trying to find

ways out. Coopers & Lybrand,

the accountant, says some com-

panies are selling loan port-

Ross Jobber, an IT analyst at UBS, lies in finding enough programmers to meet demand. He says: The old programs are written in a language called Cobol, which few of today's programmers have learnt. It is only used for fixing old systems, whereas most programmers want to be on the cutting edge. Also, they can earn five or

Almost every type of enterprise has software that cannot calculate past 1999

folios whose assets are less lanuages like C++, and get much more interesting jobs." than the cost of correcting the system it is stored on. Others are thinking of mounting a legal challenge to software suppliers, saying that systems A solution to this manpower shortage is emerging. While UK programmers are selective bought in the mid-Eighties about which languages they should be expected to have a shelf life beyond 15 years. In the meantime, the stam-

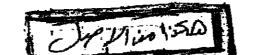
pick up, those in India, the Philippines and Malaysia are far less choosy.

Andersen Consulting, a leading Year 2000 specialist, is setting up a "solution centre" of 1,000 programmers in the Philippines, dedicated to solving the problem for clients pede to IT consultants has begun. The problem now, says ing the problem for clients around the world. Distance is no object. Andersen will deliver clients' software to the base. and after a few months of round-the-clock troubleshooting, the millennium-friendly version can be returned. Alternatively, the programmers can tap into the clients' software using modems. So the team could repair the software

of a bank in Nottingham. Changes like these will remain in place for years after the problem has been solved. Analysts say that the problem has acted as a catalyst to speed up outsourcing: consultancies brought in to update the systems will know their dients' software inside out, putting them in pole position for further work.

Consultancies play down the impact on profits, saying companies that embark on the Year 2000 solution will be shelving other IT developments. But when the time comes to start again, IT consultancies will be starting the new millennium on

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CINEMA: Jan De Bont, hit director of Speed and the imminent Twister, talks to Sheila Johnston

# White tornado cleaning up

Academy in the early Sixties, Jan De Bont and his fellow students would make a regular pilgrimage to Paris to sit at the feet of the nouvelle vague guru Jean-Luc Godard. "We met him many, many times; we were big fans of his," De Bont says.

Time passed and De Bont,

now one of his country's most distinguished cinematographers, made the inevitable move to Hollywood in 1981, where he shot Jewel of the Nile and some of the Die Hard and Lethal Weapon pictures, as well as lighting Sharon Stone's intimate cavities in Basic Instinct for his compatriot Paul Verhoeven.

His first film as director. Speed, was one of the summer hits of 1994, and established Keanu Reeves and Sandra Bullock as major stars. But none of them could exactly be called Godardian.

"The studios are not as monolithic as you think," says De Bont, who has retained a thick Lowlands accent and an attachment to his home town: he is back in Amsterdam to conduct interviews and auditions for the main role, recently vacated by Keanu Reeves, in the sequel to Speed (which, he says, he is only directing because of a contractual obligation). "They give you plenty of freedom."

Freedom, that, is, for those who keep the tills ringing. And, even though Speed ended up earning more than \$330 million worldwide, it still took De Bont a good two years to mount his next picture.

Columbia balked at the \$120 million price tag on a project to remake the Godzilla monster aborted in favour of Twister, an action thriller about a group of daredevil stormchasers tracking a series of violent tornados. This has proved one of the early summer hits in America, scoring especially well in the mid-West, the heart of twister country. It should go down a storm in Britain, too. We might not have much in the way of tornadoes, but we do have a national obsession with

horizon: close on its heels comes Independence Day, in which another hazard from the skies, in the shape of hostile aliens, lays waste to America. There are no fewer than four forthcoming volcano movies, all of which have landed in De Bont's in-tray (none impressed him). Also coming up is James Cameron's Titanic. And De Bont has just made a down-payment on a disaster script set in outer space called Galileo's Wake.

There is one large difference between these new catastrophes and classic Americansin-peril movies of the 1970s

**6** Overpaid superheroes are going out of style **9** 

such as Earthquake and The Towering Inferno. Then every hero - and every victim was played by a major celebrity. But both Twister and Independence Day field second-division stars. In the latter the world is saved by such minor luminaries as Jeff Goldblum, Bill Pullman and Will Smith. The former has Bill Paxton, an actor with a long string of supporting parts to his credit, and Helen Hunt, an actress known in America for her girl-next-door looks and the lead role in a television

Part of the thinking behind this is pure economics: "Just the computer effects on Twister cost more than \$20 million [of a total budget of at least \$70 million], and they're only a small part of the movie," De Bont says. "People think technology gets cheaper, but it doesn't. The equipment does, but the talent gets a lot more expensive, because you have to have artists, painters, digital animators ... " Certainly, the digital effects are one of Twister's main attractions.

But there is another pressing reason for the low-star wattage. All those overpaid Twister is just one of a series superheroes of the 1980s -

of disaster movies on the Arnold Schwarzenegger. Sylhorizon: close on its heels vester Stallone, Bruce Willis are going out of style. "Irwin Allen [the producer behind classic disaster films such as The Poseidon Adventure] was very dependent on stars. And I've worked with a lot of them in my life, but they're hard for the audience to relate to. Also." De Bont adds, more revealing-ly, "if you want them to do certain things, you have to argue with them all the time."

This brings us to the numerous rumours emanating from the Twister production, which suggest that the urbane, silverhaired director might just be a raving autocratic Hyde on location, prepared to sacrifice anything and anyone to his vision. His habit of pitching his actors into the very eye of the maelstrom caused Hunt to suffer repeated knocks, one of which reportedly left her with concussion. On another occasion, a scene was so brightly lit that she and Paxton were temporarily blinded, forcing them to wear protective glass-es for several days.

Turthermore, arguments with the crew reportedly culminated in De Bont's pushing a carnera assistant into the mud and a mass sympathy walkout led by his director of photography, Don Burgess. (Burgess's replacement, Jack Green, was also injured when a set collapsed on him towards the end of the shoot, requiring De Bont to take over the camera for the final few days.)

"You never want to put an actor in any danger," De Bont counters. "On all the movies I've ever worked on, nobody got hurt. Sure, they got bruised sometimes, but would never let an actor do anything I wouldn't do." This is not altogether reassuring, coming from a man who was scalped by a lion in 1981 while shooting a film called Roar.

He is well aware that an Alist star, confronted with simi-lar rigours, would instantly retire to his luxury Winnebago to call up his lawyer, agent and therapist. "When they started out they did it all, their early movies were always their best. Especially with Schwarzenegger, that was the preat stuff, that was when he hospital after yet another motorcycle crash) left the se-



doesn't enjoy the success of

Speed, and doesn't want to be an action hero. When he came

to the opening of Twister, there were lots of photographers

swarming around him and he was totally freaked out."

A Dutch actress called Maeve had given me an

unauthorised preview of the script, which finds Jack

Traven (the hero of the first

Speed) in a tuxedo and em-

broiled in a discussion with

treat actors like pussycats: They're so sensitive, you have to be very careful.' I was getting a little fed up with that. We are all sensitive!"

De Bont's morning had been spent seeking out more untried talent for Speed 2. including the singer-turned-actor Jon Bon Jovi.

It is unlikely, however, that Reeves, a famously kamikaze actor who insisted on doing several of the stunts on Speed (and only weeks ago was in

There has been a tendency going through a difficult time about their relationship. But it over the past ten years or so to in his life right now," says the will not be the same person played by Reeves.
"He's still called Jack in the outspoken director. "He doesn't want to grow up, he wants to stay young. He

script, because I'm not going to change the name until we cast the part," says De Bont, explaining that he likes to give each of his main actors his own customised name. "I did the same thing on Twister: I couldn't come up with a better name for Bill Paxton than ... Bill. It makes the actors feel more comfortable, too," And it may even make up for some of the hard knocks.

● Twister is released in Britain on

# Affectionate portrait of a tragic clown PROMS: Success for a concerto

inspired by Tony Hancock's life

FOR years Dominic Mul-downey has been composintelligent, quirky music in the decent semiobscurity usually reserved for seriously modern composers. But with his new Trombone Concerto, commissioned by the BBC and premiered at the Proms on Monday, he may have hit

the jackpot. Not that the piece is exactly bursting with humalong tunes. It is a jagged, mocking and, towards the end, sad work. But that is the point. It is inspired by the comedian Tony Hancock - whose talent and career still evoke strong emotions, 28 years after his suicide in an Australian hotel.

From Hancock, Muldowney borrows two things: the mournful-clown personality; and the first six notes of the Hancock's Half-Hour theme tune, which nearly everyone over 40 can (approximately) whistle. The first gives the work its unsettling and nihilistic mood. The second provides part of the musical material; there are also nods at Schoenberg and the well-worn motif B-A-C-H. But Muldowney twists the perky Half-Hour triplet and the fateful "wrong note" through all manner of mind-boggling inversions. At first the soloist, the

virtuoso Swedish trombon-Christian Lindberg, leads the orchestra in a merry burlesque: a comic genius dispatching gags at full pelt, if you like. He sings as well as plays, he produces weird chords, he sends melodies soaring, Tommy Dorsey-style, in a corny vibrato.

But with the slow move-ment, doubts creep in. The trombone tries to be Hamlet, but is mocked by a trio of scornful flutes. He turns indignantly to silence them. and is mocked again. Eventually other members of the orchestra stand up, as if in sympathy with the pathetic protagonist.

movement: fast and jolly at editions yesterday

**BBC PO/Tortelier** Albert Hall/Radio 3

first, but gradually disinte-grating into the bathos of "offstage" crashes, until the soloist is left to play one last grunt in a spotlight that is then quickly extinguished. Too late we realise that this comic genius has been not joking, but drowning. Lindberg perfectly caught

that mixture of gloomy pet-



Dominic Muldowney: quotes radio theme tune

tion that Hancock invested in his most famous sketches. As he played the slow movement, trying to maintain some dignity against all odds, this listener at least was reminded of Hancock as the would-be heroic juror in his great skit on Twelve Angry Men: "Does Magna Carta mean nothing to you? Did she die in vain?"

Under Yan Pascal Tortelier's direction the excellent BBC Philharmonic (which had earlier frisked convincingly through the Albert Roussel's energetic ballet, Bacchus et Ariadne) played a lively Sid James to Lindberg's Hancock. I just hope that the success of this bizarre but affecting concerto doesn't give anybody the idea of writing a Harry Worth Symphony.

RICHARD MORRISON That sets up the last This review appeared in later

and which songs made up the

ballast, it seems that this is, in

fact, that rarest of pop beasts:

a multi-artist compilation al-

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### Lining up against the wonderwall **David Sinclair**, a Mercury Music

tion and nearly two months of detailed deliberation, the Mercury Music Prize shortlist for 1996 was announced at a press conference in London yesterday. This has been my third tour of duty as one of the ten judges of the competition, the music industry's equivalent of the Booker Prize, and, as before, it was a massive labour of love to whittle down the 150 entries of albums by British and Irish acts to a list of just ten titles. As

always, too, there were some surprises and regrets along the way.

But when we met for a day of exhaustive discussion last week, I am sure none of the judges were surprised by our eventual decision to include Oasis's landmark album, (What's The Story) Morning Glory? in the list (and those that regretted it concealed it pretty well). Despite the luke-warm reviews it received when it came out, this album has proved to be a watershed in British pop, and still sounds fresh and exciting after nine months of saturation exposure, the like of which has not been witnessed since the heyday of the Beatles. However, in the battle of the

Britpop bands it is now Pulp LAST year the so-called godfather of grunge. Neil Young, stopped off in Dublin to play a concert with that genre's troubled young prima donnas, Pearl Jam, as his backing band. On that occasion the Seattle acolytes were evidently dwarfed by the technical mastery and towering presence of the Canadian rock legend. This time

his normal band Crazy Horse, in contrast, stood tall. Poncho Sanpedro (rhythm guitar), Billy Talbot (bass) and Ralph Molina (drums) have been playing with Young for more years than they probably care to remember, and the intuitive understanding they have sales allegedly faded away. The

Prize judge, discusses the shortlist announced yesterday (and explains why the Beatles missed out) rather than last year's chal-Dead, Elvis Costello, Billy lengers. Blur, who have

emerged as Oasis's main rival. Pulp's album, Different Class, was judged to be one of the most evocative and accomplished albums of the year, as much for its extraordinary insights into the English psy-che as for its remarkable spread of original pop tunes.

It is not always as easy to pin down exactly what Black Grape are on about, but the vigour and ebullience of their music carried the day for the music carried the day for It's

Great When You're Straight .. Yeah, while Manic Street Preachers won admiration for the unexpected maturity and sheer songwriting craft dis-played on their album Every-

A world away from the headline-grabbing Britpop bands is the heartwarming music of veteran folk chanieuse Norma Waterson. The effortless beauty of her adaptations of songs by the Grateful

Bragg and others on her self-titled debut was a revelation. So too was the stirring orches-tral narrative of The Beltane Fire by Peter Maxwell Davies, an entry confidently steered on to the list by those judges with ears more keenly attuned to excellence in classical music than mine.

Courtney Pine's Modern Day Jazz Stories, an incendi-ary combination of virtuoso hard bop and hip hop, muscled its way on to the list by sheer force of musical will. Soul singer Mark Morrison likewise displayed an unassailable armoury of musical tricks on his debut Return of the Mack, while Under-world's Second Toughest in the Infants shone through in a year that produced a comparatively lacklustre batch of entries from the dance end of the

There will be much debate about the inclusion of Help.



Norma Waterson: nominated for her folk album of pop songs

the charity album recorded in a single day by a multiplicity of British and Irish acts. Was it chosen strictly on musical merit or was this the first album in the history of the

prize to be justified by extenuating circumstances? Since none of the judges could agree on which were the outstanding tracks (apart from Radio-head's transcendental Lucky). burn with something for everyone.

or the second time, Richard Thompson ended up in (unofficial) 11th place. on this occasion for his album you? me? us? Quite what this prodigiously talented man must do to get into the final ten remains one of the eternal mysteries of the prize. The clarinet player and saxophon-ist John Surman also missed the final ten by a whisker with his mysterious ECM album A Biography of the Rev Absalom

And, curiously, given the avowed intent of the prize to celebrate all types of music currently being produced in this country" there was much anguished debate among the judged on the panel about the Beatles' Anthology II: Considering that the album's flagship track is Real Love, it seemed to me that irrespective of simple. me that, irrespective of timeli-ness, this one clearly fell short on the "musical merit" argument alone.

● The winner of the Mercury Music Prize will be announced at a televised presentation dinner on September 10

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### Enter the old rock dragon

formed with their frontman was readily apparent.

They opened in a blaze of frenzied power-chard glory with Hey Hey, My My, not only a manifesto of rock and roll's first principles but also its very embodiment. Ironically, the Sex Pistols - who are portrayed as talismanic Zeitgeist-shapers in the song - were forced to cancel their scheduled reunion gig at this same venue last week because interest in ticket

**Neil Young** The Point, Dublin

song's combustion-before-decay sentiments are, it seems, more applicable these days to Kurt Cobain.

And yet the following two hours proved that no one burns as bright as Neil Young himself. When everyone else's spark has been all but extinguished, he is still on fire, raging against the dying of the light with a passion and commitment so intense as to leave the near-capacity audience awe-struck, feeling as though they had been transported to some kind of musical never-never land.

While most of the set drew on his fabled back catalogue, with the likes of Pocahontas, Cortez The Killer and Danger Bird, being dusted down and given the star treatment. Young also found room for a few tracks from his slightly below-par new album, Bro-

ken Arrow, with the cascading guitar-lest of Slip Away complemented by the heartstring-tugging ballad Music

Although the solo acoustic inter-lude of The Needle and the Damage Done, Long May You Run and Sugar Mountain got the devoted crowd singing along the highlight crowd singing along, the highlight had to be the 13-minute full-blooded sonic assault of Like a Hurricane, in which a maniacal, almost demonic Young did things with his guitar that only Jimi Hendrix could possibly have grasped.

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Angela Gheorghiu as Violetta in Richard Eyre's 1994 production of Verdi's La traviata, one of the few Covent Garden stagings of recent years to have been televised

o it's "accessibility" time once more in the great and evercontinuing debate about pub-lic subsidy to opera. That subsidy can be made to appear massive by those who want to dress it up as such, but is puny in European terms, and it is unfortunate that the debate should be continuing at a time when "European" is almost as dirty a word as "opera". The result - at Covent Garden at least - is seat prices few can afford, and up goes the very reasonable cry of taxpayers' money being used to subsidise the pleasures of the rich.

Suddenly comes the magic wand of opera on television"; transmit performances nationally on the small screen and everything will be all right. The Royal Opera House was encouraged to stress this politically correct principle in its application to Board (the chairman at the time was Peter Gummer, who is now chairman of

the ROHI. Well, yes and no. It would be nice if there was as much opera on television here as there is in - ugh! -"Europe"; there is less now than there was, and it is no coincidence that the two zealously proselytical TV executives who fed us so much - Jeremy Isaacs and Dennis Marks - are now running London's opera houses. Those opera houses naturally want to show their wares to the widest possible audience; there are people at BBC2 and Channel 4 who want to televise opera, and do - the Channel 4-Glyndebourne tie-up is of great benefit to everyone.

But opera is as expensive to televise

# Obstructed views from the box seat

as it has always been to stage; it is a fearsomely labour-intensive activity. Budgets at the BBC in particular have been shrinking as fast as those of the performing companies; the chief casualty recently was The Second Mrs Kong, Birtwistle's and Glyndebourne's big success, which had to be pulled from the schedules at a late stage for budgetary reasons.

There is a creepily authoritaria

tinge to some of the calls for masstelevising, as though it were as good for you as cod-liver oil. Compared to (sorry) Europe, opera is still a minority interest in the UK, and there's no reason for those of us who like it to force it down the throats of the public to the extent sometimes suggested. And there is an element of healthy union-bashing, as though only restrictive practices were preventing hours and hours of opera on the small screen. The idea recently proposed that performances should be televised with no extra fees to those performing or enabling the performance is distasteful - back, as in Mozart's day, to the musician as servant. All right, the extra million or lack of it isn't going to make much

difference to Pavarotti, but a few extra quid will to a young singer, player or scene-shifter. There are two sorts of television

relay. A TV channel broadcasts a performance, a one-off. The cost can be up to £500,000, which is a lot of money, even to TV companies. Or there is the co-production, a threeway operation between opera. TV the costs: the video company ends up with the product, the TV company with first broadcast rights, the opera company with kudos and "accessibility" brownie points.

This accounts for some perceived imbalance the Philips-Kirov project means we have seen a lot of opera from St Petersburg on BBC2. We have not seen the Covent Garden Ring, for the simple reason that there are already three complete Rings available commercially, and a good co-producer is hard to find. The recent ROH Don Carlos was a candidate ripe for transmission: but, sorry, television rights rested with the originating French company. Performances in anything other than the original language are hard to "sell" to video companies, but the joint ENO-RM Arts-BBC2 Ariodante has slipped through the net (Handel is rather big commercially this year). If you are into commercial co-production, problems proliferate, especially at a time when video companies are pulling in their horns: the market is buoyant in Japan, to some extent in America, less so on the Continent, Some pointers to the future. There

is no union-led conspiracy to keep opera off our screens. Management prefers to negotiate conditions for broadcasting out of the public eye; lips are buttoned, but ornens are distinctly promising (the words "on the point of breakthrough" have been heard). The ROH and the BBC, in particular, are keenly aware of their status as national public institutions with a duty to serve that public. Special arrangements are in hand to facilitate the non-commercial transmission of British works from British houses; even international singers' agents are co-operating, and there is goodwill all round. There is also speculative (as yet) talk of new methods of funding towards this end.

Is opera on the box a substitute? Obviously yes, to those who are prevented geographically or financially from attending performances. It is an invaluable learning aid. where titles come into their own. Some productions work better on TV than in the theatre - both the Chereau and Kupfer Rings are examples - and the art of the video-TV director is a sadly under-appreciated one. It was depressing to read a review of several video releases in the national press last week in which not a single director was mentioned, as though performances get themselves on to the box by magic. And the technology gets better and better, with new high-definition tape and format, and digital sound. All this is to ignore opera perfor-

mances conceived for the medium of TV, even composed for it - Channel 4's efforts in the latter direction have not been too promising, but the art, pace Britten and Owen Wingrave, is still in its infancy. It is also to ignore the fact that all this politically correct chatter about accessibility of opera via television is a figleaf to cover the shameful problem of seat prices and resulting charges of elitism.

If, as Richard Morrison has demanded in these pages, the top seat price at Covent Garden were £60, as Europe (sorry again), there would be no problem: everyone could go to the opera, there'd be plenty of it on television, and all would be well with the world. But if, as Gummer has suggested, stall seats are to cost £250 in the redeveloped house, the problem will return in spades, redoubled, to haunt him.

### Cool moves, drum fever

London in 1992, Hencomposer/saxophonist, led a band, Very Very Circus, com-prising two tubas, two guitars and French horn. His latest quintet, Make a Move heard at the Queen Elizabeth Hall this week - features Brandon Ross, guitarist, Tony Cedras, accordionist/harmonium player, Karl Peters, electric bassist, and drummer Gerald Cleaver.

Again, it's not the most conventional of jazz line-ups. But then Threadgill is on record as asserting: "Jazz is part of my vocabulary, but I don't do jazz specifically. I consider myself an international musician."

Having grown up in the Chicago of Muhal Richard Abrams's Association for the Advancement of Creative Music, and having allied himself early on with such musical innovators as Anthony Braxton JAZZ Joseph

CONCERTS Jarman, Threadgill has always been a restless, questing individual, his music resisting all attempts to categorise it. One feature, however, is immediately apparent: his band, unlike many "jazz" players, spend almost all their time earnestly reading Threadgill's music, negotiating their way through it with a scrupulous

care more frequently associated with "classical" musicians. Not that such categories mean anything to Threadgill: "All these divisions! If it's a great piece of music, it's a great piece of music." The music thus embraces

everything from multi-tex-

tured, impressionistic flute

and harmonium dirges to searingly affecting pieces in which Threadgill's alto wails and soars over a wall of fearsomely energetic electronsound underbinned by Cleaver's tumbling drums. The overall impression is of tremendous power, but without any of the swaggering virtuosity that generally ac-companies it; his pieces do conform roughly to jazz's con-ventional head-solos-head pattern, but are sufficiently unpredictable and subtle to allow soloists few spaces for

Such a modus operandi is intentional. Threadgill states: You can't let musicians get too relaxed - you do some-thing you know too well, you're not going to get excited.
You'll do what you know."
This approach undoubtedly renders his music admirably, uncompromisingly original, and produces, as on this occasion, concerts of extraordinary energy and complexity --the downside is that, instead of being unequivocally uplifted, it's all too easy to leave feeling you have been given a large dose of something Threadgill has decided will do you good.

For the past week, the South Bank has reverberated to Rhythm Sticks 1996, an eightday celebration of percussionbased music embracing everything from gamelan to talko, flamenco to drum 'n' bass, samba to jazz and African music. Closing the festival (also QEH) was Power and the Beat, featuring master drummers from Iran, the Pouria Vali Zoorkhaneh Club performing exercises rooted in military training, and a trio singing to the accompaniment

of drumming and a shimmering stringed in-

Culture shock is the performers' chief hurdle in events like these, at least as far as communicating with the uninitiated is concerned, but the concert's opening attraction, a percussion trio chiefly utilising the tombak (a wooden "goblet" drum) and the dat (a frame drum), were immediately accessible to anyone with a pulse and a sense of rhythm. After powdering their hands and warming their drumskins to precisely the right tautness by exposing them to a single-bar electric fire, the trio launched into an hour of supple percussion.

A straightforward rhythm having been established on finger-cymbals, the drummers first consolidated it, then, just as jazz improvisers would have done, tossed the lead from player to player in an exuberant but delicate and precise display of unaffected virtuosity.

Less accessible were the movements, each specific to a particular item of military hardware from shield to sword, which accompanied the playing of a ceramic drum, chanting and the occasional ringing of a bell. They occu-pied most of the second half, and clearly should have conveyed dignity and poise; instead they conjured memories of the shuffling embarrass-ment evinced by unwilling participants in PE classes. Some traditions do not travel.

CHRIS PARKER

VISUAL ART: Textiles receive avant-garde treatment

### Not a loom in sight

The distinction between fine art and craft no longer exists in Under Construction at the Crafts Council Gallery, a selection of experimental work by seven contemporary textile makers. Led by Polish-born tapestry weaver Tadek Beutlich, they have abandoned the loom, conventional lace-making and traditional embroidery to parallel developments in contemporary art.

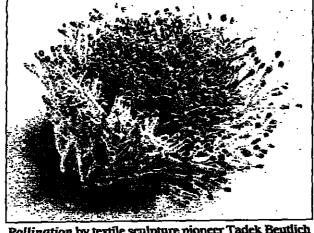
Beutlich, now 74, began to flout convention as a craftsman, incorporating found material and working in three dimensions more than 30 years ago, just as sculptors such as Joseph Beuys and Barry Flanagan were utilising textiles. But Beutlich's pioneering approach, hailed abroad. only now breaking down barriers in Britain.

His Figures on a Scaffolding could be based on Dante's Inferno or the Nuremberg trials. Beutlich is not saying. But from bits of sisal and cotton wool, twisted and stretched and dyed the colour of earth, he has produced an extraordinary storytelling sculpture, its harrowing power heightened by its meagre materials.

Beutlich's creations began

out of practical constraints. At the end of the war, only darning wool was available from Woolworths in black and white and grey. Later, in Spain, he improvised with esparto grass which he picked for nothing and brightly coloured wools from the local market, which he transformed into large, surrealistic flora. His latest pieces are smaller,

due to the size of his studio in In contrast, one-time em-



Pollination by textile sculpture pioneer Tadek Beutlich

Michael Brennand-Wood has created an 18-foot abstract panel, Field of Centres, from rags inlaid into a painted wooden base, suggestive of the old-fashioned method of block

The rags are torn sheets and pillowcases belonging to his grandmother, a worker in the textile industry, and the result is a lace-like effect on a grand scale, reflecting the former status of lace as a symbol of wealth and culture. Brennand-Wood, who has been studying the lace collections at the Whitworth Art Gallery in Manchester, says he was attracted by the irregularities he found in lace patterns despite their apparent geometric

The ephemeral nature of bird tracks in the sand, changing tides and weather preoccupy Polly Binns, who stitches abstract pictures on painted linen; while classical architecture influenced textile printer Rushton Aust to explore three dimensions, making edgy, abbroiderer and lace maker stract shapes by wrapping

intersecting wire in striped fabric. Former tapestry stu-dent Sally Freshwater has her fabric "fight" the aluminium framework over which it is stretched into the shape of a giant threepenny bit.

Triple Hood is the work of

another former tapestry student turned conceptual artist, Italian-born Clio Padovani. The three hangman-style hoods, joined together and suspended on steel cable, stem from a questioning of identity, also the concern of former jeweller Caroline Broadhead, who devises garments which stand up disconcertingly on their own, dramatising their absent wearer. The implied presence is

made more real and fearful by the garment's corresponding fabric shadow. ALISON BECKETT

■ Under Construction: Exploring process in contemporary textiles, runs until August 4 at the Crafts Council Gallery, 44a Pentonville Road, Islington, London NI (0171-

### Even the plot has bare cheek

YOU are wearing a see-through PVC top with gold hearts just covering the nipples. Question: Are you on stage at the Whitehall?

Of course not, for this is a glamorous opening night and you are the glittering audience. This month's fashion colours, you may need to know, are black, white and gold. But will this month's hit show be Voyeurz? The front three rows of the stalls worked raucously to present it as an embryonic cult, shouting advice to Jane, the provocatively shy heroine, as she worries about her morals. Apart from this doubtfully disinterested rent-a-claque, the applause at the end was muted.

If it's nudes you are after, there are nine of them eventually, and some of the girls rub against each other, if you fancy the sight of that. Only the dancers strip down. The four singers of Fem 2 Fem strut about in fetish gear, as do the three actresses whose duty it is to push forward what I suppose we must call the story. But that's as far down as they go. Perhaps there are contractual reasons for this. No evidence from elsewhere suggests it might reflect a

concern for taste. On her virginal Virginian bed, Jane (Sally Anne Marsh) is sleeping fitfully. And no wonder, because an eight-foot blue crucifix is suspended over her head, representing what she has been told to dream about, while the silent dancers in white underclothes, slithering over her, represent her immediate needs.

"Is there something more

for me?" she wonders next

morning, in her little-girl voice

I could swear she spoke of

her night of "dweams". Off

- MSOL Voyeurz

Whitehall she goes to New York, where Andi (Krysten Cummings) tries to pick her up on the train

but manages only to give her the address of a nightclub. When Jane drops in there, she is desired by ruthless Eve (Natasha Kristie), looking like Snow White's wicked stepmother trying on one of Marie Antoinette's wigs. The ensuing struggle for

desires" we are invited to be

voyeurs of, they aren't dark or

secret or forbidden any longer.

Pretending they still are, and

without comedy or wit, this

show may provoke the audi-

ence into clapping its energy,

JEREMY KINGSTON

but not its content.

Jane's heart is ineptly told. Andi's character does a somersault and "I'm sorry" is what she mostly sings from now on. The music is a succession of LONDON loud songs, dialogue is minimal and almost every number ends in a blackout - a weirdly old-fashioned device. The dancers jerk their bod-ies around, clutch their bellies

 ENGLISH Touring The-aire presents a translation,
 by Kenneth McLeish, of as if at war with constipation, and press welcome hands against breasts, bums and between legs. Up on the scaffolding Fern 2 Fern canoodle, below them the dancers writhe in rubber sheets (quite watchable), crack whips (oh dear) and posture. That essentially explains the disappoint-Aug 3, 5 ● TICKETS £8.50 (normally ment of this show, written and directed by Michael Lewis and Peter Raielson. All those "dark secret fantasies and forbidden

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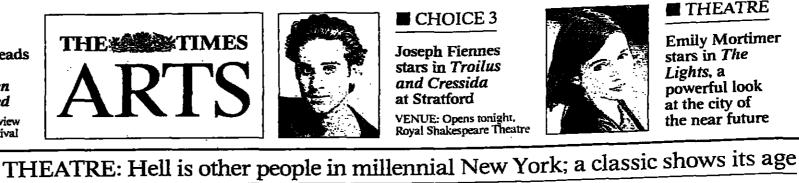
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der's fine new play seems to be doing his or her bit to hasten the Royal Court's impending redevelopment. The seats have been ripped out and half of them temporarily placed in a rake on the stage. The ramshackle old auditorium is now the acting area, right up to the second circle, which doubles as a passing elevated train and

platform. And, in the penultimate scene, the actors start hammering Royal Court off the plaster between the Court's

old stalls and old bar, as if intent on burrowing beneath Sloane Square before the diggers arrive.

As it happens, this is highly appropriate, as the main character, Fred, has joined a gang of shady demolition men dismembering an antique welfare hotel. But then The Lights is an appropriate valedictory choice of play. After all, it tells you what it is like to survive in a city where you can't ride the subway without a thug threatening to kick in your face because you are staring at him or a baglady bawling out what she calls the national anthem of Venus in the hope you will give her the money to fly to the planet itself. Disintegration. social and personal, is the norm round here.

Korder says in the script that the setting is "a large city in the modern era" and presumably aims to hold up a mirror to everyone from Muscovites to Londoners. But his play's internal evidence, not to mention a glimpse of the

dow, makes it clear he is writing about end-of-millennium New York. Where else do the pressures so obviously include "people, people, people, around you, beneath you, on top of you, thumping up there at two in the morning, and behind you, in your

as if right in the room"? The speaker is Deirdre Hara skyscraper's observation rison's Rose, a shop assistant who spends an evening getting drunk with the The Lights rich, corrupt city

developer who

ear, through one inch of wall,

has picked her up. But mostly the play involves her work colleague, Emily Mortimer's fragile Lily. and Lily's boyfriend, Lee Ross's cowed Fred. They quarrel, part, and make their ways through the great American Alphaville: he wrecked by his own folly and an assortment of sharks, she more or less raped by Korder's counterpart of Chekhov's Astrov, an ecologically sensitive but despairing planner from city hall.

Ian Rickson's production crackles and bangs along. exuding none of that morbid glee in urban chaos that disfigures some plays about New York. What Korder evokes is a world where the decencies that still sporadically exist stand out like frontal horns in the post-unicorn era. What chance for humanity when life is a daily battle for bread, territory and the chance to believe one matters to anybody at all?

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"What chance for humanity when life is a daily battle for the chance to believe one matters to anybody at all?" Lee Ross and Emily Mortimer in Howard Korder's The Lights

O'Casey's offering lacks the scope of the other plays in his Dublin trilogy and is content to entertain

# Little life left in a great title

SEAN O'CASEY'S 1923 The Shadow of a Gunman is a modest play. Lacking the scope of the other two thirds of his Dublin trilogy. Shadow is at least as content to entertain as to take swipes at the figure of the misanthropic, self-obsessed poet and his shifty, armed counterpart, the Dublin is a different city these days. Although the Gate's Shadow of a

Gunman marquee recently appeared in the background of news footage on a bomb scare, the number of places where a gunman on the run would be considered a romantic hero must have suffered serious decline since its heyday early this century.

Back then, when Donal Diviner (Barry Barnes) moves in to share a tenement room with Seumas Shields (Owen Roe) the whole house assumes he must be "on the run". Unscrupulous Davoren happily exploits his cachet as a killer to steal kisses from The Shadow of a Gunman Gate, Dublin

the fresh, local flower, Minnie Powell (Deirdre Molloy). Director Lynne Parker emphasises

Minnie's lowly status as the object of the poet's empty, condescending affection. ("Very pretty. but very ignorant." he thinks to himself) at the expense of O'Casey's already less than appealing male heroes. Davoren, a haughty writer, impotent in his all-purpose antagonism, and Shields, a slobbering oaf turned pious through cowardice.

were never quite so unattractive. The problem here, of course, is that O'Casey's Minnie is written almost as nebulously as Davoren sees her, full of wide-eyed admiration, devoid of any twinkle of insight. This makes promoting the role a risky business. Molloy is not quite comfortable in the part.

principally because her coquettishness is maturely calculated, and she never seems ignorant enough.

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The comic teaming of Des Keogh and Maureen Potter, two of the Dublin stage's most reliably popular codgers, as the flamboyantly illiterate Mr Gallogher and his accomplice in malapropism, Mrs Gallogher, suggest that there is little life left now in O'Casey's comic writing.

O'Casey confined the action to one tenement room, but Kathy Strachan's set also gives a sliver of the dangerously crimson exterior hallway. The ploy. like several other decisions in this creaky melodrama, comes across as a fairly transparent attempt to enliven O'Casey's raw material. Like much else here, the goal is reasonably well achieved, but without communicating anything very specific. Great title, all the same.

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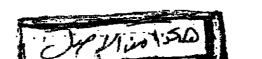
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it is currently: "Should I

invest in property?" Encouraging signs in the market are tempting investors to consider property once again. More people are applying for home loans than at any time since September 1989. But an investing public is still cautious about putting money in bricks and mortar after the worst property recession since the war.

Yes, they may buy their own home, mindful of the tax breaks that still exist in the form of mortgage interest relief and the absence of capital gains tax on a final sale, plus the access to borrowing, but few small investors are confident about a second or third residential investment.

Yet the figures for investment yields from buying a property to let are currently encouraging and compare well with the yield from equities. Matthew Orr. a director of the West End stockbroking firm Killick & Co, says that average gross yields of 9 per cent are available from the residential property market, against only 4 per cent from the equity market.

Moreover, investors can expect both the income and the capital value of their property to grow at least in line with earnings and, hopefully, in line with the normal growth of the economy. This could even be bettered by astute purchasing, Mr Orr says.

Rents have increased as demand has outstripped supply. Extra demand has come from a market which has too few houses to sell. David Gillespie of Cluttons says: "With sales agreed, some vendors have rented until suitable houses are available."

Yet professional advisers caution against investing in property to let. Mr Orr says: "I would judge it to be unsuitable for anyone other than the very large investor.

The problem is that the sector is still so small. Though pension funds and the life funds of insurance companies used to own residential property in the past, since



Belinda Hadden relaxes in one of the rooms of her inherited flat. "An income of £350 a week certainly seemed attractive"

#### TO SELL OR TO RENT? AN INHERITANCE DILEMMA

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"We invited five agents to value the property. It soon became apparent that our options were to sell unmodernised, to sell modernised or to rent it out. Foxton's Peter Rollings said that with a 25-lease it was unmortgageable and therefore only of interest

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The lack of big players is impor-tant, says Yolande Barnes of

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nevertheless respectable net yield of 7 per cent." Mr Orr says. Ms Barnes adds that yields vary hugely, from as much as 2 to 20 per cent net, depending on all the variables which affect rentals. Most small-scale investors would

be able to buy only one or two properties, tying up their capital. "Such an approach delies one of the

basic laws of asset-based investfree for the rest of their lives, a ment, which is to achieve a spread significant concession that should of risk," Mr Orr says, "The have prior call on any capital illiquidity of assets would also available for investment. Nor mean that the smaller investor should investors ignore the fiscal advantages of investing in National cannot realise a part of the value which might be needed to meet a Savings and Tessas.

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year. Such "bed and breakfasting" provides flexibility unavailable to the property investor.

But be warned Charlie Ellingworth of Property Vision points out: "Property does not go bust but companies can and do." Both investments could be vul-

nerable given a future Labour government. "We are only just emerging from very damaging rent controls that have lasted for three decades," says Mr Orr. "It is to be hoped that any future Labour government will be more pragmat-

ic in its approach, but it remains the case that residential property can be a more emotive issue than the equity market." Equities are also potentially vulnerable. "A

windfall profits tax on certain of the utilities is now seen as a fait accompli. There is also the issue of dividends," says Mr Orr. "Dividend controls have been tried in the past, and by and large they have not

lasted for long; but Mr Lamont reduced the rate of advance corporation tax on dividends from 25 per cent to 20 per cent and thereby created a precedent which could lead to the abolition of ACT. This would have a very serious and damaging effect on the equity market, as it would reduce the gross yield by 20 to 3.2 per cent."

So, what should investors do? Mr Orr's advice is for a spread of risk. 'Many people will already retain significant exposure to UK property through their own home, so therefore diversifying into equities a sensible move."

Property investment makes sense for larger investors, with more money to spend and for those with

no existing exposure. "Some exposure to property makes sense as part of the overall investment mix of a balanced portfolio," he says.

For those that do decide to invest in property, Ms Barnes reports that over the last decade one-bedroom flats in prime central London have achieved the highest average total returns, taking into account both the rental yield and the capital growth of the property, followed by three-bedroom houses. Large fourbedroom flats have given the worst performance, with average total

returns of 9.7 per cent. Gross returns in 1995 were 12.2 per cent for flats and 13.1 per cent for houses. Following large capital value increases over 1994, gross total returns were even higher in 1995, averaging 25.1 per cent for flats and 22.7 per cent for spread of houses.

The future could be very different if new vehicles for investing in property are created. The Government has already gone some way to answering some of the structural problems which dog

property investment by the introduction of Housing Investment Trusts in the November 1995 Budget. HITs are exempt from capital gains tax and pay corporation tax on net rental income at the smaller companies rate. The trusts were set up to increase the availability of property to private renting and to encourage institutional investment.

But, as Ms Barnes points out, if you buy shares in property, then you destroy your spread of investments by only holding equities. Should the stock market crash, so

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Clockwise: the staircase at Cricket House, the house itself made famous by To the Manor Born, and Arundel Park

### To the manor rented

brace of beautiful houses is up for rent. The home of the late Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk, in the grounds of Arundel Castle, ten miles from Chichester, is to be let for up to 15 years for £40,000 a year, while the chance to be "To the manor born" is available with the letting for the first time of the house which was made fam-

ous by the television series. Cricket House, two miles from Chard in Somerset, is better known to many as Grantleigh Manor, the house where the fictional millionaire supermarket boss Richard DeVere, played by Peter Bowles, lived. The series which began in September 1979 was last shown on BBC television in 1990.

Its grand staircase was used in the scene in the series where Mr DeVere proposed to the formidable Audrey fforbes-Hamilton, played by Penelope

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a baronet, says Rachel Kelly

Keith. Other interior scenes were shot elsewhere. The house -- surrounded by a 1,000-acre wildlife park with zebra and camel, leopards and ostrich, which is open to the public -- was largely built in 1786 when its then owner. Admiral Hood,

commissioned Sir

John Soane, archi-

tect of the Bank of England, to enlarge Cricket Lodge.
In the 15th century the estate was owned by the Preston family. In 1775, the estate was ac-

Alexander Hood,

later Vice-Admiral and Baron Bridport. In 1814, the baronetry passed to Samuel Hood whose wife Charlotte was a niece of Lord Nelson, Samuel Hood landscaped the estate by dam-

ming streams to create a chain of lakes, pulling down cottages, and diverting the roads.

The estate was sold in 1997 to the chocolate manufacturer Francis Fry. and then to the Hall family. The house was bought in 1966 by the Taylor family, who run the wildlife park and are now letting the inspired dower house for the

house. It sleeps 12 and is surrounded by a 40-acre garden with terraces, manicured lawns, and flower beds, with a heated swimming pool in a separate wing. The house is for let at £3,000 a week through the holiday lettings agents Blandings.
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built between 1958 and 1962 by the architect Claud Phillimore as the dower house for the Duchess who died in December 1995. It is being let till it is required for family use again.

The house is one of a number of important country houses built on estates since the war. At Badminton, for instance, the present Duke of Beaufort enlarged the Cottage, a house in the village, where he lived before inheriting. Philip Jebb designed a handsome, NashDowager Duchess of Hamilton at North Port, near Lennoxlove, in 1978 to 1979.

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The house, set in 23 acres, was built because Arundel Castle, in which the family lived in the 1940s and 1950s. was thought to be too big and impractical. In addition to this the Duke had four daughters but no sons, and thus the title would be inherited by a cousin of the same generation.

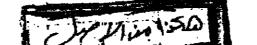
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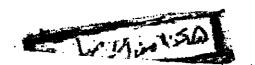
and recessed arches. The panelled front door dates from 1750 and is the old front door from Norfolk House in St James's Square. salvaged when the house was sold and demolished in 1938. There is a top lit central staircase hall which rises the

full height of the house. The property is being let through the agents Clegg Kennedy Drew.

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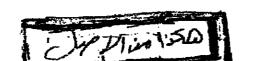
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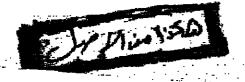
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### England aim to bridge great divide

THE focus of the row in rugby over the television rights to the five nations championship moved to a Cardiff hotel last night. At a meeting chaired by Sir Tasker Watkins, president of the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU), the president and key officers of the three other home unions were present in an attempt to end the rift which exists between England, Scotland, Wales, and Ireland, 11 days after England had been thrown out of the five nations' championship for negotiating their own five-year, £87.5 million television deal with BSkyB.

First to arrive were Colin Herridge, treasurer of the Rugby Football Union (RFU), John Richardson, president of the RFU, John Jeavons-Fellows, and Cliff Brittle, chairman of the RFU's executive committee. They were followed by the Scottish delegation led by Alan Hosie, a five nations' representative, and Fred McLeod, president of the Scottish Rugby Union.

Spectators were lined up on the pavement across the street from the main entrance to the Park Hotel. Perhaps they had formed the misplaced view that the television cameras and reporters with microphones were there to catch film stars entering and leaving the

There was an air of friendly informality as the various delegates met one another. The Irish group, including Bob Deacy, presi-dent of the Irish Rugby Football Union (IRFU), Tom Kiernan, chairman of the five nations' committee. and Syd Millar, a past president of the IRFU, were the last to arrive.

It was thought that the atmosphere inside the Princes Suite on the first floor where the meeting was taking place would be less friendly. Wales, Scotland, and Ireland allegedly want England to forego their deal with Sky, and revert to the system in which the television money is split equally.

First though England have to be reinstated to the five nations' championships. For this to happen, there has to be some eating of humble pie by the four England

representatives in Cardiff - two from the old guard, namely Herridge and Jeavons-Fellows and the two new representatives, Richardson and Brittle.

Once that is done, it is thought the RFU would offer a share of the £87.5 million to the other countries. But that is easier said than done because £22 million of this sum is supposed to be paid to clubs in Courage leagues one and two in England. These clubs are expecting to use that capital sum to pay the wage bills that modern rugby

requires.
So if that money is not forthcoming, then English Professional Rug-by Union Clubs Ltd. (EPRUC) are reported to be in a mood to revolt.

England called the meeting." McLeod said. 'It's up to them to see

what they can offer the unions." Sir Tasker Watkins added: "Yes, it's really up to the English. There has to be some concession from them. We're optimistic the championship can be saved, otherwise we wouldn't all be here."

John Richardson, the RFU president, believed it was necessary to issue a statement to calm the worries of rugby supporters in England. But there was a possibility that any such statement would have to be delayed until after the meeting of the five nations committee at the East India and Sports Club in London today.

Earlier in the afternoon, it was announced that the top Welsh clubs had negotiated their own television deal worth £22 million over five years with BSkyB. This was something they were unable to do according to the WRU.

Vernon Pugh, chairman of the WRU, said he believed the package to be a misunderstanding. "We have received no official notification from First Division Rugby Limited, and I do not believe they would even contemplate negotiating their own TV agreement." Pugh said. "That would be wholly contrary to what the WRU has agreed with representatives of its senior clubs, whom we believe to be



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IESTYN HARRIS, the young Warrington stand-off half considered to be the best in Britain, was yesterday placed on the transfer list at a world record price of £L.35 million. The move by Alex Murphy, the Warrington director of football, was a reaction to claims from Harris that he is unhappy at

The 20-year-old is considered a certainty to hold down the standoff position on Great Britain's forthcoming tour of New Zealand, and he was recently voted the International Player of the Year. An exciting, powerful spirit, his future at the very pinnacle of rugby league is assured.

It is the other code which seems to be beckoning, however, with dark mutterings from Wilderspool yesterday about the player's sudden desire to leave. Four months ago lestyn was the happiest bloke in the world when he signed a new five-year contract with us," Murphy said. "Now he says he is unhappy and yet can't give us a reason. I think there is an ulterior motive behind this.

"There are other forces outside our control, people have been whispering in his ear, unsettling the kid. All I know is that things started to go wrong when he went back to the valleys to play for Wales. Straightaway, things started going rocky. It will be very interesting to see where he goes if

Murphy's clear suggestion is that Harris could become the latest league player to succumb to the temptation of union, with Cardiff. Saracens, Richmond and possibly

Newport all believed to be interested in signing him. Whichever club does must be prepared to meet the ous record of £450,000, set when Paul Newlove moved from Bradford to St Helens.

"We know that 99.9 per cent of league clubs can't afford that fee, but if union clubs want him they will have to find the money because we won't take anything less." Murphy said. "We don't want anyone here who isn't committed to the club, but we want the

An international rugby league match will be played in Scotland for the first time in 85 years next month. Scotland and Ireland will clash at Partick Thistle Football Club's Firbill ground in Glasgow on August 6.

FOOTBALL

### Jordi primed for cut-price move to Old Trafford

By DAVID MADDOCK

Ferguson spoke to Bobby Rob-

son, the new Barcelona manager,

on Monday, and flew out to Spain

in an attempt to tie up the deal quickly. Jordi can operate along

both flanks, or in a central position,

and has still untapped potential.

The Manchester United manag-

er entered into talks with the pair

plus Robson, and a deal is expected

to be agreed this morning. Jordi

admitted that he immediately

seized upon England as a destina

tion when it became clear he would

be allowed to leave Barcelona. "I

have heard about some interest

from several English clubs, and

Dennis Bergkamp says it is great over there. It would excite me a

Jaume Gorres, the player's agent, confirmed yesterday that

talks were underway. I we

Manchester United and Barcelona

to agree all the details first and then

we will sit down properly to talk

It was a day of frenetic transfer

activity, to remind everyone that the new season is less than four

weeks away. The most surprising

was the sale by Leeds United, for £3

about the contract," he said.

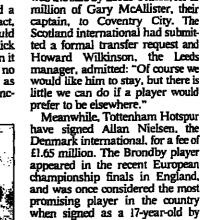
great deal," he said.

JORDI CRUYFF, the Holland international, is about to become the next big-name foreign player to join the invasion of British shores. The 21-year-old entered into contract negotiations yesterday with Manchester United, after Alex Ferguson, the manager, flew to Barcelona for talks.

There are fewer bigger names than Cruyff, although it has entered into legend because of the stirring deeds of his father, Johan. who was present as discussions took place in Barcelona. Jordi, as he likes to be known, has made a fair effort of following in famous footsteps, however, becoming a regular in the Dutch national team

at a tender age.
Ferguson was encouraged by the fact that the forward is available at a cut-price fee of £1.5 million. Jordi's position at Barcelona became tenuous, to say the least, when his father was sacked as manager at the end of a disappointing season, and then promptly sued his former employer. "What has happened is a political decision, that is very clear," Jordi said

recently It was his father who agreed a clause in the player's contract, allowing a reduced fee if he should leave Spain; and Cruyff was quick to alert Manchester United when it became clear that his son had no future at the club he served as player and manager with distinc-



Bayern Munich. Joe Royle, the Everton manager. confirmed yesterday that he is confident of completing the transfer of Nigel Martyn, the Crystal Palace goalkeeper, by the end of the week. Birmingham City continued their spending spree by paying Blackburn Rovers £775,000 for Mike Newell, and Luton Tov have agreed to sell Scott Oakes to Sheffield Wednesday for £700,000.



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long the white elephant among metropolitan racecourses, is to be extensively redeveloped at a cost of £8 million. The project is geared towards improving customer facilities and introducing a sense of atmosphere sorely lacking on racedays. Subject to a successful plan-

By JULIAN MUSCAT

KEMPTON PARK, for so

ning application, the paddock is to be resited behind the main grandstand. The grandstand itself - one of the biggest in Britain with a capacity of 10,000 - will be thoroughly refurbished so that speciators can overlook the new paddock. And a new restaurant will overlook the

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Nap: KINGS HARMONY (7.45 Sandown Park) Next best: Circus Star (2.15 Bath)

racecourse. Particular emphasis will be paid to improving facilities for racegoers.

Work on the redevelopment, scheduled to commence in seven months, is due for completion before the King George VI Chase in December next year. United Racecourses Ltd. which runs Kempton Park, is to apply to the Horserace Betting Levy Board for loan finance towards the overali cost.

The management team at Racecourse Holdings Trust (RHT), which, together with Epsom and Sandown, bought Kempton Park in a £30 million package more than two years ago, has thought long and hard about how to liberate the track from its perception as a soulless venue. The RHT board went into considerable detail over the feasibility of installing a floodlit allweather track. That proposal

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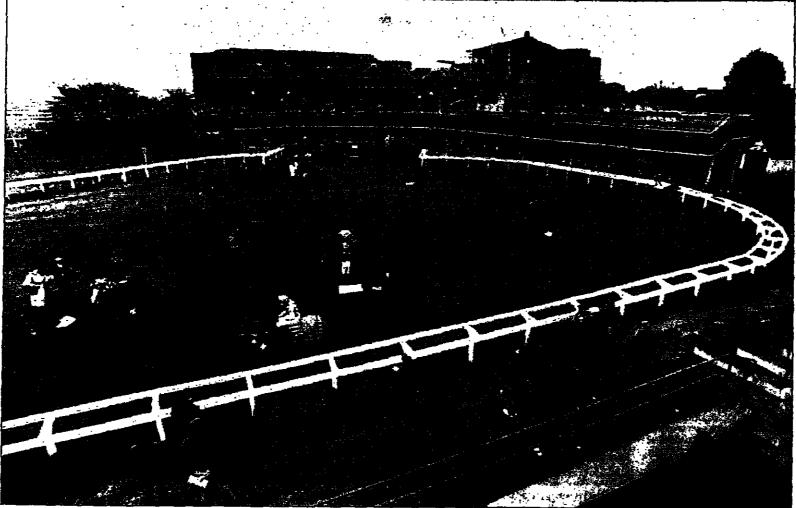
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Kempton to have £8 million facelift

The Kempton paddock will be resited behind the main grandstand as part of a major redevelopment plan for the metropolitan course

was rejected eight months ago, primarily on financial grounds but also because it would interfere with the exist-

ing turf course. David Hillyard, managing director of RHT, said: "Kempton Park lies in a metropolitan Green Belt. That makes it incredibly sensitive to planning applications but wedon't anticipate any problems on that front. One of the things that has always concerned us is that the grandstand is

rather distant from the parade ring, but all that will change. We are pleased with what we've come up with."

RHT recently initiated a £10 million grandstand development for the Tattersalls enclosure at Cheltenham. Kempton represents its major project for 1997 but the trust, a whollyowned subsidiary of the Jockey Club, also has ambitions to improve Aintree racecourse next year. In addition, RHT is servicing some £17 million in

loans secured to fund the purchase of Epsom, Kempton and Sandown in 1994.

Asked about the redevelopment implications for Kempton's admission charges, Hillyard said no assurances could be given. "One cannot make cast-iron guarantees," he said, "but we recognise we are in a climate where we need to look at prices very carefully. As a concept, value for money has never been more important."

Situated on the fringes of Hampton Court, near Kingston, Kempton Park is the closest racecourse to central London and could not be better placed to attract sizeable

crowds. It has a number of attractive racing dates, yet it only draws a full house on Boxing Day, when the King George VI Chase showcases a National Hunt card rich in quality. Attendance at the track fell by six per cent in 1995, although that downward

spiral was arrested in the first six months of this year. It has been evident for some

years that Kempton would benefit from wide-scale redevelopment. Racing will take place for much of the tenmonth building programme, although the course will be closed between May and August next year. In that time, he relocated to Ensorn. Sandown and Newmarket

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GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE **6.30** RADIO LEICESTER-CONSTABLES NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £3,179: 5f 2yd) (10 runners)

7.00 CWS EXTRA-SUPERINTENDENTS SELLING STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,532: tm 8yd) (14) TTAKES (3-Y-O: \$2,532: 1m 8yd) (14)

1 2211 COMTISSER 4 (0,F) 5 Whoots 8-11. W. Whoods 1

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3 0040 MY KNID 30 (5) N Tiniber 8-11 Kim Finiber 13

4 0050 NSMT OF GLASS 32 (4) D Monts 8-11 N Day 9

5 0854 SAMARA SONB 13 (4) W G N Tumps 8-11 D Sweeney (7) 14

5 540 SPENCEN STALLDINE 23 Low Humbrogdon 8-11 D Harrison 5

7 404- THE BLACK DUBH 338 J Day on 6-11 D Sweeney (7) 14

8 3359 YOUNG FREDERICK 20 K Buster 8-15 D Buster 9

9 0 BHIN-LOOGE 13 K Bridgwater 8-6 N Variey (3) 12

10 0000 DUFT 16 J King 8-6 A Mackay 11

11 0000 FLORREM 35 J L Harris 8-6 P Robitson 3

12 2030 HOME COOKIN 19 M Pios 8-6 M Roberts 10

13 0000 NACA BRID 8 (8) T Wall 8-6 M Roberts 10

13 0000 NACA BRID 8 (8) T Wall 8-6 M Roberts 10

14 0000 WALCHINE SRIEF 18 E Alson 8-6 M Froberts 10

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7-4 Countesser, 6-1 Home Cookla", The Black Dubb, 7-1 Spencer Stallarm, 8-1 Young Finderick, 10-1 Senses Song, 12-1 My Kind. 7.30 INVESCO PRIVATE PORTFOLIO DETECTIVES MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES [2-Y-O: 23,371: 71 9yd) [13]

1 8000 PETILA BOY 22 IY) M McCommick 8-10. A Clark 10

2 RUNNING RRE: 14 M Feberston-Gorlley 8-10. W J O'Consor 12

3 00 DREFT 11 M Prescot 8-9. W Woods 5

4 06 WYLLAM WMILACE 26 C Microsy 6-7. A Mackety 11

5 8 BOCOWOOD LASS 63 J Duston 8-6. J Wisson 9-1

5 10YE ME DO M Advessor 8-6. J Wisson 7-1

7 0 CHARM THE STARS-14 M Tomphins 8-5. P Robinston 7

8 DLUG ROD, Jones 8-5. M Day 4

9 053 THE WYARDOTTY: 699 9 R Hollersband 6-4. F Lyman (5) 2

10 2 RLUWER HILL LAD 14 D Cospore 8-3. J Start 2

11 2 SERET STAR 33 A Javres 8-3. D Wight (3) 1

2 0 SWALLOW BREEZ: 21 J Scarge 8-0. J Fasning 6

13 3 BLIE HOPPER 11 M Charmon 7-12. C Rather 8

11-4 Love Ma Do. 7-2 Salect Star, 5-1 Goodwood Lats. 6-1 Blue Hopper, 8-1

Charm The Stars, 12-1 The Wyandottle Ino, Driž, 14-1 offers. 8.00 DICKINSON & MORRIS

HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,993: 71 9yd) (5) 6-4 Anguar, 7-2 Brandomitte, 4-1 Allister Joel, 9-2 Datorour Golf Time, 8-1 Dias-C

OCTIONEM 1 & PARMENTUM" (2D./ 44: 1M 3f 183yd) (5)

1 4114 BEAUCHAMP AND 36 (U.S.) H Comby 4-18-0 ... 6 Conter 4

2 1141 AFTEC CORREST 21 (0.7) D Compose 5-9-11 ... J Stack 5

3 1111 DESERT PROLIC 12 (0.7.5) M Jelenton 3-8-3 ... J Wester 1

4 6512 DESERT PROLIC 12 (0.7.5) M Jelenton 3-8-3 ... J Wester 1

5 1825 W The Money 12 (20.7.5) B Followhead 7-7-18 Flyndy (5) 2

5-4 Desert Prolic, 7-2 Besechamp Lade, 4-1 Arise Courier, 5-1 Date Life, 8-1 is The Money 9.00 HOVIS-CHIEF CONSTABLES MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,571: 51 2yd) (8)

**COURSE SPECIALISTS** 

TRAMERS: Mrs. J. Cocal, 7 witness from 22 nutners, 31 8%; M. Pipe, 5 from 26, 19 2%. J. Daniop, 21 from 118, 17,8%; H. Candy, 7 from 54, 13 0%, D. Morris, 5 from 39, 12 8%; M. Prescant, 5 from 43, 11,8%. JOCKEYS: F Lynch, 3 venners from 9 ndes, 33.3%; J Stack, 5 from 20, 30.0%; J Vesser, 15 from 82, 19.5%; W Carson, 20 from 124, 16.1%; G Roder, 6 from 59, 11.6%; G Carler, 12 from 120, 10.0%

8.45 SURREY RACING HANDICAP (£4,713: 5f 6yd) (11 runners) SETTING: 3-1 Game Swage, 9-2 Friendly Blave, 6-1 Cherel, 7-1 Bonu Venture, 6-1 Johns, Sazzling, 10-1 Judge, 12-1 Familiary Racarg, Square Come, 14-7 offices. 1995: MR BERSERAC 4-9-6 T Speaks (20-1) B Palling 11 on FORM FOCUS FARTASY RACING best effect this season, about 2141 4th of 6 to May Best Valuetine in a baselicup at Brughter (77, first). BEAU VENTINE 2541 2nd of 9 to Lord Halfy Admissi in handlicup own course and distance (good to soll) with JUCSA (11b bester of) and and and CHEWIT (28b bester all) 1141 3nd. SPURNOLY BRANE best Apopher Backworth 141 in 4-numer handicup at Folkestone (St, first) on pen-nistrates self-PARTASY RACING best effect his season, about 274 4th of 8 to My Best Valentine in a handleap at Brighton (71, first). BEAU VENTURE 254 2nd of 9 to Lord High Adolesia in handleap over course and distance (good to self) with JAICEA (16 better off) and are and CHEWIT (5th better off) 1461 3rd. His John Fall-Part (51, first) on penultimate stat.

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS .... Yarmouth

Going: Ism
2.15 (7/1 3yd) 1, GYMCRAK FLYER (D
McKeown, 11-4), 2, Awesome Venture (D
R McCabs, 7-1); 3, Red Admiral (M
Tebbusi, 7-1) ALSO RAN: 5-2 lav Thordis
(5th), 11-4 Wind Palm (4th), 5 rsn. - %1, 1%1,
bb. bd. 21, G. Holpings at Pinkennon, 10th); sh hd, 21 G Holmes at Pickening Tota £330; £150, £2.30. DF £9.10. CSF.

2.45 (71 3yd) 1. SILCA'S MY KEY (R Hughes, 2-1); 2, Sharazamataz (S Sand-ers, 13-2), 3, Bold Medion (M Baird, 16-1). ALSO RAN-6-4 tav Surprise Event (4th), 10 Homa Revenge (5th), 14 Tirof's Treasure (6th) 6 tan 244, 5, sh ha, 9, 22, M Channon at Upper Lamboum, Tota: 22,90, 21 70, 22 20 DF 55 80, CSF: 213 19. £1 70, £2.20 DF £5 80. CSF £13 18.
3.15 (1m 31 101yd) 1. LEAR EXPRESS
(Pal Edder), 4-9 tav, Our Newmarket
Correspondent's nep); 2. Royal Action (J.
Stack, 8-1) 3. Welcome Paradic (W Ryan,
7-1) ALSO RAN-7 Lady Of Leisure (4th),
33 Parinta (5th) 5 ran Hd, sh hd, 41, 12t H
Cect at Newmarket Tote, £1,30, £1 10,
£2.90 DF £4 70 CSF £4.22.

22 90 DF 14 70 CSF 54 22
3.45 (6f 3yd) 1, SYLVA PARADISE (8 Doyle, 5-2), 2, Cross Of Valour (5 Sanders, 6-1): 3, Niscased (R Hile, 13-2), ALSO RAN 2-1 fav Shenghei (6f) (8th), 7 Princaly Sound (4th), 12 Ramsey Hope (5th), 6 nan. 3,44, 3-4, 2, 8t. C Brittain at Newmarket. Tote: 13 70, £1 30, £3.60, DF: £11.60 CSF: £15.50.

£15 50.
4.15 (SI 43yd) 1, BAHAMIAN BOUNTY (R Hughes, 1-11 lav), 2, Castle Ashby Jack (Paul Eddery, 25-1); 3, Brethin (T McLaughlin, 100-1), ALSO RAN: 11 Volentille Fary (5th), 25 Magyer Took (4th), 5 ran 2% nk, hd, 3l. D Loder at Newmertet. Tota: £1.20; £1.10, £2 60. DF; £3.30. CSF; £3.83. E1.10, 52 60 DF 53 30 CSF: E3.83 4.45 (1m 6/17yd) 1, BOLD CLASSIC (Pet Eddery, 9-4 (sw), 2, Classic Colleen (A Mackay, 7-1): 3, Arktikos (G Hind, 9-1), ALSO RAN-5 Junior Ben (4th), 6 Mansur (ath), 7 Code Red (Sh), Crimson Rosella, 7 ran, 31, 2k4, nk, 51, nk, J Duniop at Arundel Tota: E2 30: E2 00, E3.60, DF: E6 70 CSF: E15 96

Placepot £30.50. Quadpot £5.60.



Worcester Going: good to limi

Going: good to firm
2.00 (2m 41 hdls) 1, BORIN TO PLEASE (A P McCoy, 11-8 law, Private Handicapper's top rasing); 2, Ewar Imperial (D Gallagher, 20-1); 3, Murberry (L Harvey, 13-2), ALSO RAN: 11-4 Big Treat (4th), 16 Carmival Clown, Sommersby (6th), Up The Tempor (6th), 20 Bowland Park µJ, 33 Liberty James (put), 68 its A Myth (put), 10 ran. 71, 21, nk, 11, dist P Hobbs at Minehead. Tole: \$220; £1.70, \$400, \$2.20. DF: £20.10. Tho: £37.70. CSF: £25 34
2.30 (2m hdls) 1, MILLION DANCER (D

225 34
2.30 (2m holis) 1, MILLION DANCER (D Bridgweter, 3-1); 2. Supermodel (R Dumocody, 11-4 lav); 3, Count Of Flanders (A S Smith, 7-2) ALSO RAN-7-2 Wet Pach (6th, 9-2 Al The Acom (5th), 7-2 Maronetta (pui, 53 Berabatcosbett (4th) 7 ran 11l. 17l, 9l, 13, 24l M Pipe at Wellington Toter 24 80; E2-40, £1.60. DF: £4 90 CSF: £12.06.
3.00 (2m 7) ch) 1, EVANGELICA (D. Bridgwater, 8-11 lav); 2, Waterford Castle (T J Murphy, 9-4); 3, Tour Leader (B Powell, 4-1), 3 ran 5l, 21l. M Pipe at Wellington, Toter £1.40. DF: £1.60. CSF: £2.52.
3.30 (2m holis) 1, STORMTRACKER

Weilington, Tota: £1.40 DF: £1.60, CSF: £2.52
3.30 (3m hdie) 1. STORMTRACKER (Michael Brennan, 11-4): 2. The Black Monk (D Bridgweiter, 5-2 tax): 3. Green Lane (C Llowellyn, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Jawani (4th), 10 Quiet Dawn (pu), 12 Same Driference (5th), 20 Deringly (pu), 7 an. Dist. 201, dist. 13. C. Weisdon at Chiddingtoid. Tota: £3.60, £2.10, £1.50. DF: £5.20, CSF: £3.45, 4.00 (2m ch) 1, MAGGOTS GREEN (A P. McCoy, 3-1 tay); 2. Sydney Berry (8 Powel, 5-1); 3. Micherado (R Johnson, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 4 Cyril Henry (4th), 5 Merins Witsh (pu), 10 Aslounded (5th), 16 Hugh Deniels (6th), 7 an. 16, 5, 6, 3/H, 29, J. Bradiery at Chepatiow Tota: £3.00; £1.00, F1.50. CSF. £17.34. 4.30 (2m hdie) 1, OUT RANKING (D Bridgweiter, 4-1); 3. M. Straeggle (C Meude, 14-1), ALSO RAN: 11-8 tay Pair Of Jacks (6th), 9-2 King's Shilling (4th), 11 Bettly; sland (6th), 6 ran. Nk, sh hd, 10, sh hd, 30. M. Pipe at Weilington, Tote: £4.50; and pair of \$1.50.50.

30! M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £4.50; £1.70, £2.80. DF: £7.00. CSF: £19.14

Monday's

4); 3, Maracf (6-1) 8 ran. NR: Mutahadath. 5i, 3i, D Loder, Tote: \$2.00; \$1.40, \$1.10, \$1.90 DF \$1.40, Trio: \$3.00 CSF \$2.98. E1.90 DF E1.80, Into E3.00 CSP C28.00 7.10 (Im 12.07;vd) 1. Darling Clover (F. Cochtene, 2-1 text; 2, Matcl For Balleys (13-2); 3, Faltyrings (4-1), 7 ran. 94, 91, D Morley, 7 obs. E3.10; £1.70, £2.00, DF: £7.90, CSF, £15.32. 27.40 (71 100yd) 1, Thatched (D McKeown, 5-1); 2, Euro Sceptic (7-1); 3, Caster (7-4 (av), 6 ran. Nk, Nl, R Barr. Toler 58.20; 52.30, 52.60. DF: 524.70. CSF: 524.53.

2230, 2260. DF: 224.70. CSF: E24.53. 8,10 (51) 1, Saunders Wren (P P Murphy, 5-4 fayl; 2. Antares (16-1); 3. Sand-baggedagein (14-1). 12 ran. NR: Dee Pea 1ee Cee. 21, nk. M Charmon. Tota: 22.50; cr. 60. E2.30, 52.40. DF. E33.20. Trio: 1:66.30. CSF: E27.33 8,40 (2m. 35yd) 1, Jamaican Flight (J. Forture, 2-1); 2, Go With The Wind (6-4 lav); 3. Mischiel Star (5-2), 4 ran Nk, 194. J. Hills. Tota: 22.90. DF. 22.20. CSF: E5.17. Planator 1778.70. Quaddot: SSI.30. Placepot: £178,70. Quadpot: £81,30. Windsor Going: good to limi

Sciency Good to min 8.25 (1m 3) 135yd) 1, Kristel Breaze (J Reid, 7-1); 2, Nothing Doing (8-1); 3, Bly Pleetfoot (8-1), Ajder 4-1 (av. 15 cs. 1. 14), nd. W Muir. Tote; 27.00; £2.00, £2.00, £2.80, DF: £34.10, Trior £28.40, CSF: £43.00, Triorst; £309.62 6.55 (51 10yd) 1, Gurness Glory (8 Doyle, 10-1); 2, Efferviscance (7-4 fev); 3, Incatine (25-1), 10 ran, Hd, 31, 8 Meether, Total: £14-70; £3.20, £1.30, £6.20, DP: £16.20 Tito £213.70, CSF, £26.85. \$16.20 Tdo \$213.70. CSF: \$28.85.
7.25 (1m 2f fyd) 1, Monument (8 Doyle, 14-1); 2, Soviet Bride (11-2); 3, Princaes Deniele (8-1), Shining Example 9-4 fav. 10 ran. Shird, N.J. JKing, Tote: \$22.00; \$8.20. \$17.0, \$2.30. DF: \$54.70. Trio. \$170.00. CSF: \$26.84. Tncast. \$619.16.
7.55 (61 217yd) 1, India (W.Cerson, 7-4); 2. Colombia (10-11 fav); 3, Siver Purse (6-1). 4 ran. NR: Refleina, Nk; 1341. P. Walwyn. Tote: \$2.40. DF. \$1.50. CSF: \$23.43. 8.25 (1m-67yd) 1, O Factor (A Madday, 10-1); 2. Blessed Spirt (10-1), 3. Rubblyeti (4-1; 3-lay), Bandid Girl 4-1 R-fax, 12 ran-hd, 5. O Haydh, Jones, Tote: £19.80; £5.00, £3.80, £1.70, DF: £97.10, Trio: £154.10, CSF, £101.87, Tricast: £442.99, 8.55 (5) 217/d) 1. Never Think Twice (M.J. Dwyer, 10-1); 2. Lucky Retenge (7-1); 3. Redskin Lady (12-1). Crosso Cymes 9-4 fav. 14 ran. 5, 194. K hory. Tota: £11.60; £2.30, £2.90, £3.00. DF: £37.60. Tric: £149.20. CSF: £82.76. Tricast £312.41

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13 Glapy Motorsmans 1-1 The Paris 10 Carroll 6 7-2 Juliot Venture, 5-7 Osomentat, District And Rink, 6-1 Petile Da Aybeegiri, 8-1 Ston Movie, Bizzing Castle, 10-1 others 3-1 Stury Wossesson, 5-1 The Bee Man, Goveleis Maiden, Poly Moon, 6-1 Abstone Queen, 8-1 Who, Cajoo Sunsal, 10-1 offices. 5 0225 KALAR 16 (B.CO.F.G) D Chapman 7-8-7 J Wasser 2 5 0225 KALAR 16 (B.CO.F.G) D Chapman 7-8-7 J Carroll 2 6 5240 SERGUE MARKY 18 (D.F.G) R McKelin 8-8-6 K Steel (7) 7 0366 Map 9079858 8 (B.D.F.G) 6 Marco 3-8-3 J McKernedy 1 8 0025 THE MISTRUIF BOY 7 (D.G) Mas J Case 8-8-1 J Love 10 9 3400. DOUBLE GLOW 3 (D.F.G) W Bycroll 4-7-10 Lone Wands (7) 5 10 80-0 QLOW A BOY 107 J Eye 3-7-10 J Stantalli (7) 5 4-1 Landay Princess, 9-2 Set Cottage, Able Sheld, 5-1 Swin At Whaley, The location Boy, top Express, 8-1 Kalar, 10-1 others. 4.00 LEEDS HANDICAP (£3,558: 71) (8) 1 0600 PRIDE OF PENDLE 45 (D,BF,F,6,5) D Monolla 7-10-0 2 0221 NASHAAT 29 (ILF.6.5) M Chapman 8-9-12. P McCabe (3) 2 3 1001 PMC RODE LAD 12 (0).F.6) J Byn 8-9-12. P McCabe (3) 2 4 1001 PMC RODE LAD 12 (0).F.6) J Byn 8-9-1. D Pract (3) 6 4 0380 SALEYS ROST 18 M Invastor 3-8. J Waters 3 5 1-61 PROPERIOR 15-12 (0).F.0) J Fyn 5-9-7. C Tangon (3) 1 6 2232 ZAM CAMCER 12 (0) D Nicholas 4-9-0. J Carroll 7 2241 TEPMON 23 (5) Miss L Pariet 3-9-13. K Darley 5 8 DAS2 ANOTHER NECHTIMARE 3 (5) R NICHOLAS - 1 7 Williams 7 Prom Ridge Lad 7-2 Nechant 4-7 Banks 2-7 Banks 2-3-1 Para Ridge Ltd., 7-2 Nashest, 9-2 Prostigiter, 5-1 Pride Of Pendie, Zao Dancer, 6-1 Tempon. 8-1 others. 4,30 LEYBURN CLAUMING STAKES 1 GS-0 AXCSMAN 4 (F) 0 Micholis 4-9-8 Alex Creatives B 2 10-1 LLINCH PARTY 88 (D.F) 0 Micholis 4-9-5 ... J Carroll 1 3 3001 BLUE BOAMER 21 (DD.F.6.3) T Barron 5-8-11. J Frotane 2 4 00- WACKY 558 N Starry 5-8-7 M. A College 5 52,7 LLDT 15 W Easy 4-9-5 ... A College 6 4000 Micholis A D. ROSSI 7 M Dots 2-8-1 Date Glosson 5 8.30 ALLIANCE & LEICESTER SERGEANTS HANDICAP (£5,744: 1m 3f 183yd) (5) 8-4 Journal, 7-4 Blue Bomber, 2-1 Lunch Party, 25-1 Sty Lady, 33-1 Madesing Co. Rossi, 40-1 Wardy. 5.00 HALIFAX HANDICAP (£2,700: 51 212yd) (10) 1 0051 ROCKCRACKER 11 (B.D.F) & Margaron 4-10-4 P Bloomfeld & 2 1153 CHERY CHAPPY 3 B.D.F.S D Chapman 5-9-13... K Dathay 3 5-131 THMAAB 3 (V.D.F) F Walson 4-8-8 (Pad. J Forthere 1 4 1860 RMSELATE & (CD.F.A) M Rane 7-8-1... J Caroll & 5 1201 MY 60500N 19 (B.C.F.G.F.S) J Fore 8-9-0. C Tragges (3) 4 6 6450 HERRY THE HAWA 30 (D.S) M Doos 5-8-12 C Width (7) 2 7 DSSR HEXILETON MASS 20 (F) Miss V Accessive 3-8-3. In Carolleto ARRUS 407 7 (V.F.) I Health 3-8-8. In Carolleto ARRUS 407 7 (V.F.) I Health 3-8-8. K Stad (7) 8 10 -550 BRSAS 55 (D.F.S) C Fratural 9-8-4. O Mickey Mickey 10 10 -550 BRSAS 55 (D.F.S) C Fratural 9-8-4. O Mickey 10 10 -550 BRSAS 55 (D.F.S) C Fratural 9-8-4. O Mickey 10 10 -550 BRSAS 55 (D.F.S) C Fratural 9-8-4. O Mickey 10 10 -550 BRSAS 55 (D.F.S) C Fratural 9-8-4. O Mickey 10 10 -550 BRSAS 55 (D.F.S) C Fratural 9-8-4. O Mickey 10 10 -550 BRSAS 55 (D.F.S) C Fratural 9-8-4. O Mickey 10 10 -550 BRSAS 55 (D.F.S) C Fratural 9-8-4.

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Blinkered first time CATTERECK BRIDGE: 2.30 Tools. 5.00 April's Joy. LECESTER: 6.50 Deconstruit. Thresplay 7.00 Inca Bird, Night Of Glass, Semant Song. 7.30 Petule Boy. SANDOWN PARIC 8.15 Evidence in Chief. 8.45 Cheest.

3.15 WEST LITTLETON LIMITED STAKES (3-Y-0: £3,731: 1m 21 46yd) (3) MIST ASSET

3.45 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND MELKSHAM MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,397: 51 11yd) (6) 3 JEFREY ANOTHERRED 13 K MAURIN 9-0... JF Epan 5 AEGEAN SOURD 49 R Remen 8-9... Dane O'Hell (3) 503 BRANEEL EEAR 24 M Reasterd 8-9... A Clark ERAZELA P Walnum 8-9... R Cochrane DANGETHENGETAWAY B Meetson 8-9... B Doyle 00 TeUDNETT TMEES SS 0 O'Date 8-9... B Employel 4.15 DYRHAM SPRINT HANDICAP 4. 1 D DYRHAM SPHINT MANUSCAF

(£3,553:51 161yd) (6)

1 (2) 0411 KUDEE LAD 6 (CD,E) A Jones 6-10-3 (Leg. B Doyle S)

2 (5) 0417 KANHAUS 6 (B,C,D,F) M Projetze 4-10-1 (Leg. D) Narrison

3 (1) 52/10 SHADOW JRRY 12 (B,D,F,S,S) D Chaptens 8-9-5 J Colono 91.

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### Gymnasts whose skills span much of century

FROM DAVID MILLER IN ATLANTA

IT WAS the day two men made their comeback to the gymnastics ring. For one, the oldest living Olympic champi-on, it had been a 60-year break. For the other, arguably the greatest gymnast in history, only a matter of months. The emotional circumstances were very different for Leon Stukelj and Vitalyi Scherbo.

Stukelj (pronounced stoo-kelli) was last at an Olympic Games in Berlin, where, at the age of 38, representing the Kingdom of Yugoslavia, he won a silver medal on the rings, to add to the golds from Paris in 1924 and Amsterdam in 1928. He was here in Atlanta, by invitation, to honour the Games' centenary. and to present the medals on the first evening of gym-

He was the the first to accomplish the exercise of holding the rings with the arms extended horizontal. With encouragement, and he does not need much, at 97 he will still raise himself from his chair supported only by his hands on the arms. Just try it.

Scherbo, from Belorussia. won six gold medals in 1992, representing then the Unified Team. The following February, he and his wife, Irina. emigrated to Pennsylvania. wanting their unborn child to be an American citizen, to have security and liberty, un-Soviet state. Last December, Irina hovered close to death, her car having hit a lamppost, leaving her trapped for 212 hours with a severed spleen, broken pelvis and seven broken ribs. Gymnastics was suddenly unimportant to

Through her crisis, he cared for her unceasingly. "I did everything for her." he said. "Massage, physiotherapy, washing her, cutting her hair, changing sheets, singing, talking." On his birthday, January 13, she was distraught that she could give him no present, could not even speak with a tube in her mouth. Scherbo consoled himself with vodka, weight, ceased put on

training. recovered, Irina another Games, at the age of 26, to stay in touch so that, perhaps, when they become US citizens two years from now he might represent Amer-

So on Monday he was there, with his Belorussia colleagues, bidding for the team



title. Though Scherbo had the second best individual total of the evening, behind Alex Nemov, of Russia,, they failed by two-tenths of a point to beat Ukraine for the bronze medal, Russia taking the gold and China the silver.

Scherbo had defied gravity in the floor exercise, never mind that in the past three years he has had operations on shoulder, arm and knee. When he leaps, he seems to hang in the air, like Baryshnikov [the ballet dancer]. Afterwards, he hastened away to be with Irina. There are the individual title and

solo disciplines to come. The remarkable Stukelj



Stukelj: medal-winner at begged him to return to the gym, to revive the dream of • Stukelj: medal-winner at three prewar Olympics

nipped onto the presentation platform as nimbly as he had when appearing at the opening ceremony, where his unexpected presence, with that of Muhammad Ali, had given the occasion a rare sincerity.

A mere 5ft 2in and only slightly below his competing weight of 7st 8lb, Stukelj was dwarfed by the winning Russia team, though the reception he received from a 31,000 crowd at the Georgia Dome was almost as loud as for the winners. This is a man who was a friend of Nurmi, Weissmuller and Owens, who lived, ate and talked with them in the Olympic village.

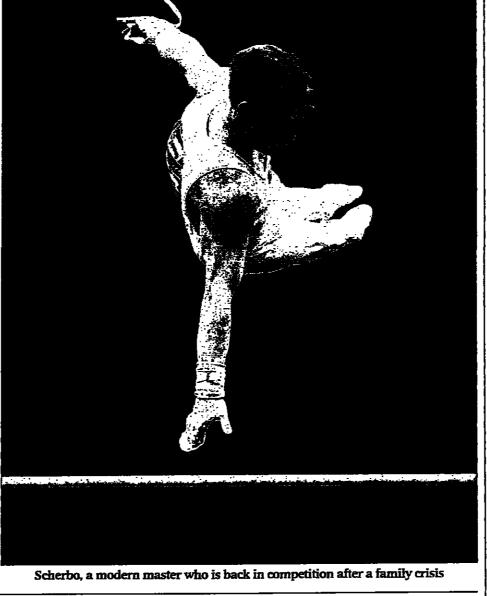
He began gymnastics, the only sport available, at the age of eight in the Slovenian town Novo Mesto, near Liubliana, then under Austro-Hungarian rule. He served in the First World War, though he saw no action. Afterwards, he became a lawyer, then a judge, continuing until he was 80. His wife, Lydia, will be 82 this year.

Self-trained and financially supported by his father, a civil servant, and various benefactors, he travelled by train, second class, to the Paris Games, living in a cheap pension and buying inexpensive food. He won two golds: the all-round title, and horizontal bar.

In Amsterdam, he won gold on rings, bronze for individual overall and team. He decided not to go to Los Angeles in 1932 because Yugoslavia could not afford to send the whole gymnastics team. In four world championships, he won 11 medals.

In those days the all-round event included 100 metres, 50 metres swimming, the shotputt and high jump, and, in 1922, rope climbing. There were no acrobatics on the horizontal bar," he recalls, "changing and releasing your grip repeatedly, like they do today. Then, it-was elegance. To do what they do now you have to be professional, in order to train for such complex exercises. I think it's risky. I'd like to have tried, but not to be a professional "

He would like to have presented a medal to Scherbo. "I think he's the best," he said.



### Fredericks faces Christie after electing to pursue both titles

FRANKIE FREDERICKS. the first man to beat Michael Johnson over 200 metres for two years and the fastest man over 100 metres this year. intends to tackle the sprint double next week. The Namibian had indicated that he would concentrate on the longer distance, improving the prospects of Linford Christie, his British training partner. who is defending his title in the shorter event.

"At the start of the season, I decided just to run the 200 metres," Fredericks said. "I thought I had a better chance in it. But I'm running some good 100s - in fact, I'm running it better than the 200 this season — and it would be stupid not to go for it.

"If I can't win. I want Linford to win. We'll both be ation are hoping for a miracle, happy for each other if one of us wins."

☐ The chances of Carl Lewis winning a place in the United States 4 x 400m relay team

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were all but discounted by the team coach. Lewis, 35, still harbours hopes of winning ten Olympic gold medals. but Erv Hunt said: "Somebody would have to get hurt — probably five or six guys."

### Obree sets out

Cycling: Graham Obree begins his quest for a gold medal in the track qualifying rounds today knowing that a dramatic improvement in his form and fortunes is required. The world record-holder was 15 seconds off the pace in the World Cup 4.000m individual pursuit final last month.

Tine British Cycling Federand knowing Graeme they could get one," Chris Boardman, who won the pursuit title four years ago and will contest the road events this time, said.

Among Obree's serious challengers are Andrea Collinelli, of Italy, who lost last year's world final to the Briton in Colombia, Stuart O'Grady, of Australia, and Philippe Ermenault. from France.

### Boxer banned

Boxing: John Kelman, of Barbados, has been banned from amateur boxing for one year and sent home after angrily throwing a glove when beaten by Janos Nagy, of Hungary, in a first-round featherweight bout. The contest was stopped midway through the third round. "He threw the glove in the ring. It was very disgraceful," Anwar Chowdhry, the International Amateur Boxing

Association president, said. Youssef Chaalia, a Tunisian judge, will not officiate further in the boxing competition after it was alleged that he was guilty of improper scoring over the weeked.

# Suleymanoglu 'Beat and 'Be gold standard

John Goodbody reports on the little Turk who stands supreme in world of weightlifting

THE greatest weight has fi-nally been lifted. Naim Sulevmanoglu, of Turkey, has gone where no weightlifter has gone before by winning an Olympic title for the third successive Games.

In 1960, the feat defeated Tommy Kono. an American. of whom his coach said: "Kono dedicated. Other weightlifters bring their wives to contests. You can't win that way unless the wife is cooperative and accepts the fact that in a weightlifter's life, the

barbell comes first." In 1980, it defeated Vasily Alexeyev, the super-heavy-weight from the Soviet Union. who, after achieving his second Olympic title four years earlier, had said: "Perhaps my

wife will now give me some Amid the almost hysterical euphoria of his countrymen on Monday night. Suleymanoglu took the featherweight title with a total lift for the snatch and the clean and jerk of 335kg, five kilograms more than the world record he

himself had held. Suleymanoglu, 29, finished 25kg clear of Valerios Leonidis, of Greece, with both competitors hoisting a world record in the clean and jerk of 187.5kg. The record, however. belonged to the Greek because he was the lighter man. Both men, therefore, raised overhead almost three times their own bodyweight.

Suleymanoglu can afford to be generous and allow Leonidis the record. He is now the most celebrated weightlifter in modern history. He is also the most expensive.

Born in Bulgaria, he would have won the 1984 title but for the communist boycott of the Games. Suleymanoglu was a member of the Turkish minority in Bulgaria and the following year, he was ordered to change his original name of Suleimanov to Shalamanov.

Furious at the insult, he defected during the 1986 World Cup in Australia and went to Ankara. There was one problem. Suleymanoglu could not lift in the 1988 from the Bulgarian authorities, who were scarcely likely to give it because they regarded their global dominance in weightlifting as sacrosanct.

However, the Turks paid the Bulgarians an estimated £600,000, the sport's first transfer fee, to get permission for Suleymanoglu to compete in Seoul.

His victory in 1988 was hailed in Turkey as if their football team had won the World Cup. He was met at Ankara airport by the President and about a million cheering people.

He is only 4ft 10in tall and has a boyish face that makes



women want to cuddle him., However, it would be like cuddling a block of concrete. He has a wide chest and thighs like traffic bollards.

On Monday, he eased ahead of Leonidis, whom he only beat on lighter bodyweight to take the world title last year, on the snatch. Suleymanoglu raised 147.5kg and Leonidis 145kg. The onus was now on Leonidis on the second movement, the clean and jerk. After both lifters had exceeded the previous world record with 187.5kg. Leondis asked for another 2.5kg on his third and final attempt to equal Suleymanoglu's total of 335kg and win on lighter

bodyweight. The Turk retreated to a cubicle, unable to watch. Leonidis pulled the weight and squatted underneath it. However, he could not rise and the bar fell to the floor. Of the 5,000 people in the hall, Suleymanoglu was the last to know that he was the



Suleymanoglu: defected from Bulgaria to Turkey

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# SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent A correspondent claims this hand actually happened. I have my doubts, but if true it makes a delightful story of human greed. North-South game Rubber bridge

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Contract: Six Spades by South. Lead; ten of hearts

WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SCYPHUS

SNARLER

c. A pedlar

ng mangalan di Parismon di Kalandara (1998), mangang mangang pangganan di Kalandara (1998), mangang ma

a. A curved dagger

c. The corona of a flower

a. A Lancashire terrier

b. The Lower Master at Eton

Answers on page 46

b. A small boat

At first sight it seemed a routine hand to South after the passive heart lead. He drew trumps in three rounds with the ace, king and queen, then cashed all his remaining red suit winners ending in dum-my. Then he led a club from dummy and finessed the ten. He was now in a position to claim — if this lost to the king, he had the rest of the tricks: if it lost to the jack, West would be endplayed and forced to

lead a club into South's tenace or concede a ruff and discard. It did not go quite like that. West followed smoothly to the ten of clubs with his three. Time stood still while declarer ponderously added up the scores, eventually discovering that an overtrick would tip the balance and earn his side an

SCHULTZE

c. Gunpowder

a. Lank and slimy

b. To fish with explosive

c. Sailor's bully beef

SLANK

a. To traverse on skis

b. Bavarian yodeiling

You can see the sequel declarer crossed to dummy with the last trump and led another club. On the ball, East followed with the jack (as he would have to do if he had started with both honours), declarer finessed the queen, and lost the last two tricks.

☐ It was another poor day for Great Britain in the European junior championships in Cardiff. In addition, the Great Britain schools team lost their opening match 10-20 to Israel. JUNSOR STANDANGS (atter 11 nounds): 1. Norway 222pts; 2. Denmark 219, 3. Poland 215.5; 4. Israel 214: 5, Russia 193; 6, losland 189; 7 equal, Ireland and Sweden 185, 9, Hungery 184; 10, Liftuania 182 5; 22, Great Britain 130

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# KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

British triumph

For the first time since 1983 England have won both the Glorney Cup, the European junior competition for boys, and the Faber Cup, the equivalent competition for girls. Having beaten Germany and France, England defeated Holland by 3½ points to 1½ to take the Glorney Cup. Mean-while, in the Faber Cup, England's 3-0 whitewash of Germany ensured a comfortable first prize.

Sadier wins Matthew Sadler, the reigning British champion, has scored the greatest triumph of his career so far, winning the international tournament in Oberwart, Austria, with the fine score of eight (out of a possible nine). Sadler's performance will bring his rating to an extremely impressive 2.645 points, a status which few British players have achieved. Here is his best game from the tournament. White: Groszpeter

Black: Sadler Oberwart, July 1996

Sicilian Defence Nf3 5 Nc3 6 Be3 7 Bc3

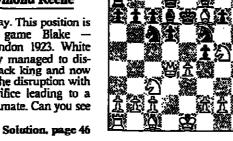
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38 Rf2
39 Ch2
40 Ng4
41 Clg2
42 b4
43 a3

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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Blake -Hooke, London 1923. White has already managed to dis-turb the black king and now completes the disruption with a fine sacrifice leading to a quick checkmate. Can you see



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### FOR THE RECORD

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New York 1; Cleveland 4 Toronto 2.
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CRICKET CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPHONSHIP (first day of three) Bristok: Gloucestershire 308-3 dec (M.G.N. Windows 81, M.P. Hunt 77 not out, N.J. Tranor 70, M.J. Cawdron 68 not out); Durham 44-0. Howe: Sussex 310 (J.W. Hall 92, M. Amiad. 7-103); Worcestershire 4-0. The Orak Suney 382-9 (J. J. Ward 67, 8.C. Holloake 61, A.D. Brown 57, J.A. Knotl 54 not out); V. Hampshire, Walminley CC. Essex. 242 (T.P. Hodgeon 52: G. Wielch 4-85); Warmckshire 126-1. Harrow CC. Middlesex: 382-4 dec (D.J. Goodchild 100 not out, O.A. Shahner 126-1. Harrow CC. Middlesex: 382-4 dec (D.J. Goodchild 100 not out, O.A. Shahner 16-0. Cleethorpes: Nothinghamshire 365-7 (N.A. Gie 72, J.A. Willeman 63, M.P. Dowman 63) v. Giarnorgan. Bedford Schook: Northamptonshire 300-4 dec (A.J. Swarm 112, T.C. Walton 87, K.J. Innes 56, M.B. Loye 60 not out); Lancashire 56-0. Hinckley, Laucestershire 301-7 dec (D. Stevens 63, P. Whitticase 61 not out); Derbyshire 8-0. MiNOR COLUNTES CHAMPIONSHIP (First day of two): Jestmont Staffordshire 212-5 (P.F. Shaw 70, S.J. Dean 55) and 40-0, Northumberland 222-7 (T.W. Adcock, 93, G.R.

Morris 64 not out; A J Dutton 4-58) Colwyn Bay: Wales 206-5 (D Dyer 76) and 49-1, Devon 225-3 (N A Folland 93 not out)

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Harrow Bor-ough 1 Tottenham XI 0, Farsley Celtic 0 Bradford 5, Pickering 0 Scarborough 3: Aet-tering 1 Northingham Forest 1, Ereter 2 Chel-sea 1; Frin Harps 0 Celtic XI 0; Horne Farm Eventon 1 Norwich 2; Cork Cely 0 Southamp-SHOOTING

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**SQUASH** 

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WHATEVER traces of dignity that remained in the modern Olympics

vanished on the road to Atlanta

Beach yesterday. There is nothing

new in the concept of bronzed bodies frolicking about in the name

nasal tones of a downhome com-

mentator exhorting everyone to give a big Atlanta Beach welcome

moments before the Bournemouth-

beach-trained pair of Amanda

Glover and Audrey Cooper were

beaten by the formidable team of

Natalie Cook and Kerri-Ann

Pottharst, from Australia. "Ladies

and gentlemen, this is the first day

of Olympic beach volleyball at the Centennial Olympics."

I know, hard to believe, isn't it?

There are two reasons why beach

volleyball has made its debut in these Olympics: first, it is visual,

which means that the women wear

very little and the men have big

muscles; second, the United States

will, in all probability, win two gold medals. They ought to: they have

they invented the game (in Califor-

nia, 66 years ago, apparently) and they also have more teams than

The United States, as host coun-

Amore sand than most countries,

"Match-point opportunity no l. 14 serves four," he announced,

to the two teams".

try, is allowed three teams. Every other country is allowed two in each of the competitions, men and women. As there are 24 men's teams and 18 women's in the Olympic events, the percentage chances of home success are high. That heightens the interest of NBC, the US felevision network system,

any other country.

glorify a home victory. The Americans, like the Austra-

which has, in any case, narrowed down its coverage to just the home teams and can be guaranteed to

Beach party lacks good vibrations ANDREW LONGMORE



In Atlanta

lians, the Brazilians and, more perversely, the Dutch and the Japanese, are professional. Top players can earn £500,000 a year from the professional circuit in the States. Gabrielle Reece, the 6ft 3in Amazonian star of the Nike advertisements, will not get out of bed for less than £25,000 to do a modelling session. Her beach volleyball is clearly not as hot. She did not qualify for any of the American teams, which must have pained her

The British, bless them, are very amateur. A few afternoons on the Ruislip Lido with a portable rollout-your-own-net system, goggles for rain or shine, and a session or two alongside Bournemouth pier. If they want to practise in winter, they have to travel to Holland and Italy. Their sport costs them money. But it was worth it: they have reached the Olympic Games. "And we deserve to be here." Cooper said. "People still regard

come and see it. As you can see, it's a great speciator sport. It's just another discipline of volleybell."
All of that is true. No one can deer? the dedication of the two British players, even if one of them, Glover, has a natural advantage.

OLYMPIC GAMES: NEW DISCIPLINE GETS MIXED RECEPTION A LONG WAY FROM RUISLIP LIDO

She was born in Waymouth and works as a recreation attendant at the Britannia Leisure Centre in Hackney. Cooper, at 32, the elder by six years, works in the publicity department of Racal, the ream's sponsors. Both played indoor volleyball, the six a side version, usall Britain ceased to field a women's team. We both wanted to keep playing internationally and this was the only way," Glover added.

"Irs more fun, anyway."

More exciting too. Up to a point.

The athleticism required for two people to cover nine square merge, of court is tripustionable, but the game lacks variety. One player, usually the smaller and quicker of the two, runs around at the back of the court, making saves and setting up the kill for the front player. Diving is compulsory, along with high fives. 30-second breaks and loud rock music.

Not only the costumes are stamped "wardrobe by Baywatch": the bitching is pure soap opera, too.

The American duo of Holly
McPeak and Nancy Reno solit up last year, allegedly because Reno, a strong feminist, objected to her parmer's off-season breast implants. They are back together "on the same page", as they put it, although Reno wore a T-shirt to McPeak's bikini top yesterday.

The Brazilians are equally hot-tempered. "Sometimes I go crazy and I want to kill Sandra," Jackie Silva, the national champion, said of Sandra Pires, her partner. "When I have a bathing suit on, I feel like it's time to fight," she beach volleyball as something to do added. An afternoon on when you're on holiday, until they Lido might cool the blood. added. An afternoon on Ruislip



Monica Rodriguez, of Brazil, dives to keep the ball alive but could not prevent a 17-15 defeat by Italy yesterday

### Madrigali makes most of breeze to win first race

FROM EDWARD GORMAN SAILING CORRESPONDENT IN SAVANNAH

JEFF MADRIGALI, the American Soling skipper, found a breeze that

The Solings was one of only three classes that managed to complete a followed by thunderstorms, forced

At the finish, he was 5.5sec ahead of Georgy Shayduko, the world

Schuemann, of Germany, who had followed Madrigali wide, was ventually fifth.

found to be illegal, finished a lowly eighteenth in the 22-strong fleet.

fifteenth in the Star class. The race was won on the water by Ross McDonald, of Canada, but he was Ploeg, of Spain.

disqualified after a protest over a mark-rounding incident with the defending champion, Mark Reyn-olds, of the United States. Torben Grael, the Brazilian, was promoted to first with Rod Davis, of New Zealand, second and Reynolds

The only other class to complete a race was the Finns, in which Richard Stenhouse of Britain, came eighteenth out of 29. The race was won by José Maria van der

### Devalued noble art fights to make its point

THE air is thick with conspiracy theories down at the Alexander Memorial Coliseum, home of the Georgia Tech basketball team and venue for the Olympic boxing.
The latest has it that Muham-

mad Ali's climactic, almost tragic, role in the opening ceremony was designed principally to advertise the awful effects of boxing, thereby giving Juan Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Com-mittee, further soil with which to bury such a mucky sport. Samaranch, it is said, would prefer to have roller-hockey or some other such sponsor-friendly sport in his Olympics instead of boxing. Boxing has responded by trying

to make itself an acceptable, clean, healthy, look-at-me sport. Headguards have long been compul-sory, though their benefits have yet to be proved conclusively, and the scoring system in which five judges press blue or red buttons to record successful punches makes it seem as if no one connects at all. Three of the five must press within one second to register the point. A flurry of blows will be rewarded by one point. Bouts are won by scores such as 8-6 and judges who award too many points are likely to find themselves dismissed. It is only a matter of time until an Olympic bout is won by one punch to nil.

But NBC has still refused to televise the boxing in prime time for fear of alienating its female viewers and because watching a succession of Cubans win gold is bad for national morale. Since Roy Jones was deprived of gold in Seoul by a fixed verdict in favour of a Korean, the American networks have rather lost their taste for amateur boxing, though tickets are hot property on the black market.

The Cubans excepted, the victors are not necessarily the best boxers. They are the ones who play the system the best. It has always been so, but this is more blatant. The well-coached fighters know exactly where the judges are - two are positioned on one side of the ring, one each on the other three sides and play to the gallery accordingly.

"There is no point in throwing three, four or five-punch combinations," Ian Irwin, the British team coach, said. "The scoring machines won't record them. So you have to throw single and double punches."

British amateur boxing is fighting for its life too, as Irwin is well aware. A fax from John Morris, secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control, on the morning of the preliminary bours contained some trace of good news. Not only did Morris wish the British boxers, all two of them, the best of luck, he suggested that Irwin come and have a chat on his return home. There has to be more continuity between amateur and professional boxing." Irwin said. "And more money coming into the amateur coffers to stop talented young men from taking the professional shil-ling before they are ready."

Something has to be done. Where once Britain sent a whole team of boxers, and produced its share of Olympic champions, it is now a third-world boxing nation. Only the featherweight, David Burke, qualified for the Olympics by reaching the last four of the European championships. Brit-ain's heavyweight representative, Fola Okesola, who faces Nate Jones, the American champion, tomorrow, gained entry through the tradesmen's entrance when another qualified boxer pulled out. It is a sorry tale.

Burke's defeat by the German, Falk Huste, in his first bout reduced the British presence by 50 per cent. Burke, aged 21 and from the good boxing territory of Liverpool, did not play the system. Instead of going forward and piling on the points, he retreated and allowed his more experienced op-ponent to dictate the bout. By the time he had worked out a method, the contest was out of reach.

There is no shortage of talent. but the young are turning professional quicker now," Irwin said. "We need time and money to nurture that talent. We also have to teach them to box to the scoring system — box and not get hit."

Not everyone agrees that the scoring system favours good de-fence. Critics point out that showy punching, mostly to the head. brings more rewards than solid body blows. Boxing is not an exact science. Artistic impression is important as well, the feel of a fight, who is the stronger and cleverer. If boxing is to be reduced to simply an antiseptic pit-pat, perhaps it is time to bring on roller hockey.

#### few others, including Andy Beadsworth, of Great Britain, shall King, of Ireland, in an excellent third place. Jochen position he held to the finish, went could detect at the Olympic regatta

here early yesterday, to secure victory in the first race.

race on the first day as calms,

the postponement of 13 of the scheduled 16 races. While all the leading boats,

including Beadsworth, who had established himself in seventh, a down the middle, Madrigali went out to the right. Sailing higher, he swept into the leeward mark in the lead and was never passed.

champion, in second with Mar-

Stig Westergaard, who is sailing

the Spanish team's reserve boat after his British-built yacht was

Yesterday, Petticrow's, of Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex, who built the vacht, issued a statement saying it had been built in good faith and that every effort had been made to ensure it would comply with Soling Class rules."

Glyn Charles and George Skuodas, of Great Britain, finished

Baskethall

Beach volleyball

Women's preliminary round

POOL A: Japan 76 China 72

### Venue choice has sailors in a state

Edward Gorman on the shortcomings

ened to the Moorish army

To others, the size and technical complexity of the marina, and its remote setting, suggest something out of Apocalypse Now. Stepping onto the huge barges, where hundreds of competitors. their coaches and technical staff were beavering away in a scene of controlled chaos in

also reminiscent of those great fi-nal sets in James Bond films, when the evil genius is assembling his bomb. A cinematic

unsuitable for racing as could be'

it. Driven by its obsession that yachting had to be located within the state of Georgia, the organising committee has attempted to achieve the impossible a world class sailing event at a place where no one sails, and

of-state alternatives such as Hilton Head, just a few miles to the northeast of Savannah in South Carolina, or the ideal venue at Biscayne Bay in Miami, has cost millions. of dollars. This would be just about acceptable if the legacy was a fabulous yachting facility, where sailors could train and enjoy the sport for generations to come, as was averaging about an hour and the case with Barcelona, In a quarter in light winds. It Savannah, there will be no

legacy.
Two weeks after the Games have finished, there will be no evidence on the its foot down from the outset waterfront or out in the and insisted on somewhere swamp that anyone ever else out of Georgia.

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WOMEN
PRELIMINARY ROUND: B Lesege and A
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Hernendez and V Eguiluz Soto (Mex) 15-11;
N Pulu Tinry Yuchism Rahayu and Engel
Berda Keise (Indo) bt Maslowney and B
Broan Qualeste (Carl) 15-10; G Castro and
D Robardson (US) bt L Van De Ven and D
Schoon Kadlijk (Hol) 15-4; A Spring and L
Fernetick (Aus) bt S Fujits and Y retainshi (Japan) 15-10; M Rodrigues and A S
Ramos (Br) bt A M Soliczi and C Turetts (b)
17-16; N Cook and K Potitsrate (Aus) bt A
Glover and A Cooper (GB) 15-4; B Builder
and D Massch (Ger) bt Y Intizato and T
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L Heritey (JS) bt M Bernisen and R Heistad
(Nor) 15-5; S Pres Tavens and J Shat Cruz
(Br) bt N Puto Timy Yucheni Rahayu and
Engel Berta Kaize 15-2. will be dismantled, as will the main venue site, and the boats will have gone. As one official put it "There won't even be a ripple on the Water.". No one knows what the final bill will be, but the daymarina alone cost between Fencing \$6-7 million (around £4 mil-Men's team epee lion) to build, and James

OUALIFYING ROUND: Spain bt Canada 45-41; Russia bt Romania 45-35. Unlad States bt South Korea 45-41; Italy, Estonia, Germany, Hungary and France receive byea to quarter-linels. CLIARTER-FINALS: Germany bt Estonia, 45-39; France bt Spain 45-39; Italy bt Unlad States 45-44; Russia bt Hungary 45-39. SEMI-FINALS: Russia bt France 45-42; Bally bt Germany 45-44. Pilcher, of the Savannah News-Press, reckons the overall expenditure will be The day-marina is the attempted solution to the problems. With narrow channels and little water anywhere near Savannah, organisers

Hockey Men's preliminary round POOL B; Great Britain 2 Holland 2. Women's round-robin Australia 1 Germany 8; Argentina 1 Spain 9.

Rowing Men's single sculls Men's single sculls
REPECHARES (fast two in each heat to
sent-finale): Heat one: 1, I Cop (Sloventa)
7min 41.83ec; 2, P Heining (SB) 7:45.95;
3, D Cameron (Aus) 7:49.24; 4, T
3, Doderbioth (Fin) 7:52.52; 5, D Taleada
(Japan) 7:50.77; Heat two: 1, R Wacdolf
(Au2) 7:42.87; 2, A Ibrahim (Egypt) 7:45.84;
2, L Szog; (Hur) 7:53.04; 4, A Serra (Rus)
8:46.71; Heat timer: 1, S Fernandaz (Aug)
7:42.53; 2, C Beasley (US) 7:44.36; 3; G
Calabrase (I) 7:45.55; 4, M Ise (HK)
8:31.41; Heat four: 1, F Beldian (Nor)
7:47.31; 2, H Nussbaurner (Austria)
7:49.79; 3, O Kirrach (Uro) 7:58.15; 4, J
Januaryn (Ed) 8:15.25.

Men's double sculls Men's Coulde Sculis
REPECHAGES (Inst two in each heat to
semi-finals: Heat one: 1, Austria (A. Jorde;
C Zurbet) 8:43:52; 2, Belgium 8:48:45; 3,
Potend 6:32:1. Heat two: 1, Germany (S.
Mayer, R Opler) 8:47:52; 2, Crostia 8:48; 02;
3, Hungary 6:50:02; 4, South Korse 7:08:71.
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Reinholds) 8:51:19; 2, Stovelas 6:53:84; 3,
Rezd 6:56:93; 4, Spain 8:59:57. Heat tour;
1, Carscle M Forgaron, T Hallerd 8:51:93;
2, Australe 8:51:95; 3, Great British (G.
Pooley, R Trestcher) 7:00:81; 4, Slovenia
7:08:08.

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Sottege) 7-10-25: 2. Lithusnia 7-10-47: 3.
Agentara 7-10-57: 4. South Africa 7-11-14: 5. Behatussia 7-12-14. Heat two: 1, Crostia
(M Barrovic, N Saraga) 7-15-81; 2. Beight
7-16-76: 3. Bulgaria 7-13-48: 4. Holland
7-24-17: 5. Japan 7-36-6. Heat three: 1.
Lineari Status (M Peterson, J Holland
7-10-13: 2. Austra 7-38: 3. New Zaland
7-10-40; 4. Romania 7-107-98: 5. Germany
7-11-157.

Men's coxdess fours REPECHAGE (first times to semi-finals): 1, Germany (S Forster, I Landvolgt, C Flacher, S School 629.10; 2 Chris 629.65; 3, United States 639.95; 4, New Zealand 635.56; 5, Argentina 637.95.
CORRECTION: From Heats on Sunday, first times in each race qualified for semi-finals, not as stated. Women's single sculls REPECHAGES (first three in each heat to serri-finals): Heat one; 1, R. Davidon (US). 933,75; 2, R. Neytova (Bul) 8:41.37; 3, G Batten (GB) 8:44.73; 4, M Evens (Ger) 8:54.05; 5, S. Herche (Alg) 9:28.41, Heat 8:62, 1, E. Lipe (Rom), 9:30.97; 2, A Bredeni

(Bell 8:33.72; 3, Xisochun Liu (China) 8:37.07; 4, B Saidchiene (Lth) 8:41.08, Head three: 1, S Laumenn (Cen) 8:26.88; 2, C Gencia (Fr) 8:32.55; 3, L Finsta-Bezena (Fr) 8:32.72; 4, T Svaier (Gr) 8:49.44; 5, E Urbano (Arg) 9:04.66. Women's double sculls

REPECHAGE (list three to semi-finals): 1. Norway (K Bjertnes, K Klaveness): 7.43.75; 2. Lavie; 7.48.02; 3. Italy: 7.52.07; 4.34.75; 2. Lavie; 7.69.024; 5. South Koree 8.44.34. CORRECTION: From heats on Sunday, first three in each race qualified for semi-finals. not as stated. Women's coxdess pairs

REPECHAGE (first fivee to semi-finels): 1, Czech Republic (S Telenska, H Danusova) 801.50; 2, South Africa 8:11.90; 3, Great Shain (K Meccenzie, P Crose) 8:15.28; 4, Angentina 8:35.53.

CORRECTION: From heats on Sunday, first firme in each race qualified for semi-finels, not as stated.

Shooting Men's 50-metre free pistol FINAL: 1, B. Kolkotev (Rus) 666.4pts; Z. Basinski (Balo) 662.0; 3, R. Di Donna (ti 651.8; 4, K. Loukachik (Belo) 660.1; 5, V Far (1) 659.8; 6, Y Yu Wang (Chray) 659.3; 7, M Tenk (Cz) 657.7; 8, S. Senchaz (Guar) 657.1

**Swimming** Men's 400m freestyle

Men's 400m freestyle

HEATS (lasted eight quality for final): Heat one: 1. A Kvassov (Kyr) 4min 00 695e; 2. A Fichil (Ang) 470.53; 3. O Desta; 2. A Fichil (Ang) 470.53; 3. O Desta; 2. A Fichil (Ang) 470.53; 3. O Besta; 2. A Honesteno (Min) 4.00.46; 4. C Engenetern (Tur) 4.102.36; 5. M Kucki (Fil) 4.102.88, 6. A Zalcharov (Mold) 4.09.30; 7. Ju Wei Sng (Sng) 4.12.24 Heat times: 1, D Konstella (Aug) 351.67; 2. A Holmariz (Swe) 3.35.27; 3. S Wesse (Gar) 353.55; 4. D Mangains (Ga) 954.85; 5. A Markev (Rus) 3.55.40; 6. L Lime (Br) 956.43; 7. J Sucer (Shovenla) 357.38; 6. Theol Woo (S Kor) 4.03.11. Heat 4: 1, E Brambile (M 3.49.35; 2. M Rescalino (M 351.05; 3. Hostmann (Ser) 351.25; 4. D Persma (LS) 3.53.58; 5. Y De Fabrique (Fr) 3.55.42; 6. T Sethsothorn (Thel) 357.08; 7. B Szabados (Hun) 3.59.36; 8. H Massy (Syris) 4:10.23 Heat Sve: 1, D Londer (MZ) 351.54; 2. P Pathrer (GS) 3.51.69; 3. J Carsteneen (Den) 3.52.82; 4. T Delan (US) 3.53.51; 6. M Alson (Jun) 3.54.34; 6. I Braffer (LKr) 3.55.67; 7. R Neutring (SA) 3.55.19; 8. H Yasun (Jepan) 4.00.19.

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one: 1, Alim plastey) 57 98sec; 2, K Prist in
flyn 602; 3, L Jorge Pilozi 53 85, 4, S
Stairl (Nepel) 74.58. Heat two: 1, N
Nackles (Bart) 57 91; 2, D Phusnighory
(Ital) 58.32; 3, Kim Min-sub, (S Kor) 58.43;
4, S Lishtestov (Kaz) 56 81; 5, N Rejcewch
(Chile) 99.00; 6, G Kori (Simpspore) 60.29;
7, M Wing (Sur) 51.24 8, F Alotesto (Kure)
64.27. Heat three: 1, E Urbach (Isa) 55 74,
2, R Papa (Phil) 57.67; 3, M Machonic
(Slovelish) 57.78; 4, T Karro (Crol) 67.88; 5, R
Both (Cz) 58.29; 6, L Kristjensson (Ica)
58.63; 7, A O'Commor (Ine) 58.58, 8, A
Elzerov (Rolic) 59.24. Heat four: 1, D
Geigaliones (Lity) 58.20; equal 2, V
Nicolagichuk (Lity) and D Buystonicu (Tur)
58.71; 4, R Rometo (Br) 56.64; 5, Yi Zheo
(Chine) 57.71; 6, C Arans (Med) 57.40; 7, N
Leurentino (Por) 57.59; 8, P Artamide (Gr)
58.12; Heat thre: 1, N Bent (Caba) 54.83; 2, M
Lopez-Oubero (Sp) 55.38; 3, F Schott (Fr)
65.77; 4, V Salkov (Fus) 65.87; 5, N Willey
(SB) 56.27; 8, N Bustou (Ron) 57.73; 7, C Reneud
(Lam) 58.52; 4, M Stembids (Car)
58.14; 4, H toi (Japan) 56.22; 5, S Theloke
(Gn) 58.28; 8, 5 Deserts (Aug) 58.35; 7, C
Reneud (Dan) 58.52; 4, M Stembids (Pol)
59.16; 6, K Konnel (Japan) 56.32; 5, B.
Hen's (GE) 57.17; 7, M Spokes (Litr)
57.20.
Men's 4 x 100 metres

Men's 4 x 100 metres freestyle relay TFOSTY/IO FORAY
HEATS (fastest eight quality for final): Heat
one: 1, Germany 3min 19 27sec; 2, Sweden
320 74; 3, Great Britain (N Struckel, A
Repley, M Savers, M Filoson) 321 34
(British record): 4, Crosto 3-2602 6,
Puerto Rico 3-28 27 Heat two; 1, Holtand
3-20,16; 2, Brazil 3-20,21; 3, Australia
3-20,86; 4, Romenta 3-21,66; 5, Finland
3-22,99; 6, Equador 3-27,77. Heat three: 1,
United States 3-18,40; 2, Russia 3-20,93; 3,
New Zeeland 3-21,65; 4, France 3-21,79; 5,
Vernezuela 3-23,04; 8, Uzberbstan 3-28,33;
7, Kynghizstan 3-30,52.

Women's 200m breaststroke
HEATS (tastest eight quality for final): Heat
one: 1, E Graf (Linu) 2min 42,97sec; 2, A
Chersylo (Kyr) 257.65 Heat hwc 1, K
Bremond (Fr) 236,26; 2, I Cristina Cabalos
(Col) 236,04; 3, M Kaimitova (Lat) 239,83;
4, M Ying-Han (Talwan) 243,94; 5, N
Vanda Cruz (Ang) 244,24; 6, N Kodatova
(Stovistia) 245,21; 7, C (Bibbas (Irin)
245,87. Heat three: 1, A Kegzer (Stovenia)
233,34; 2, L Becens (Sp) 233,30; 3, E
Fischer (Austria) 233,86; 4, M Hagman
(Fin) 2,36,11; 5, Joo-Hea Floh (S Kor)
236,25; 8, K Duamfur (Gen) 257,07; 7, M
Santa Cruz (Ang) 2,37,85. Heat four: 1, P
Heyns (SA) 226,85; 2, K tweatan (Lapan)
230,84; 3, L Erikston (Swe) 2,31,65; 4, S
Bondarenko (Lin) 223,24; 5, J Russell (SA)
23,24; 6, E Austend (Nor) 222,46; 7, R
Manta (Can) 232,57; 8, Yuan Yuan (China)
23,38, Heat five: 1, A Beerd (US) 223,64; 5, J
Stroly (US) 2,31,57; 6, L Manhatova (Cz)
23,214; 7, Y Malicarova (Fus) 2,33,74; 8, M
Della Valle (ft) 23,1,57; 6, L Menhatova (Cz)
23,214; 7, Y Malicarova (Fus) 2,33,74; 8, M
Della Valle (ft) 23,7,67; Hast stor. 1, S Paley
(Jus) 228,02; 2, M Terneta (Lapan) 2,29,36;
3, B Becure (Be) 2,23,82; 4, C Prefessio (Can)
230,30; 5, A Peccala (Fon) 2,50,84; 6, M
Hardiman (GB) 2,31,12; 7, M Odding (Swe)
233,44; 8, L Lacusta (Florn) 2,50,84; 6, M Women's 200m breaststroke

Women's 100m butterfly
HEATS (tastast eight quality for fine): Heat
one: 1, M Pareyre (Ang) Imin 03 98sec; 2, D
Zehvere (Lith) 104.83, 3, Perk Woo-Inee
(Sikor) 105.35 Heat two: 1, A Francisco
(Por) 1129.8; 2, M Kubsickova (C2)
103.82, 3, N Berenovskaye (Beto) 104.05;
4, N Zuhrei (Tur) 104.11; 5, N Mesicovska
(Massedonia) 104.25; 6, Heiseh Shu-Ting
(Tekwen) 104.29, 7, M Kenysthou (G7)
1.05.05; 8, G Ucio (Cor) 106.85; Heat
three: 1, N Zolohidrina (Urd) 1.02.16; 2, A
thyrniak (Pol) 102.39, 3, M Parsonen (Fin)
1.05.65; 8, G Ucio (Cor) 106.85; Heat
three: 1, N Zolohidrina (Urd) 1.02.16; 2, A
thyrniak (Pol) 102.39, 3, M Parsonen (Fin)
1.05.85; 7, E Kinciew (Huri) 1.03.35; 5, E
Konvaciaciotis (Ico) 1.03.41; 6, A Loote (SA)
1.03.53, 7, E Kinciew (Huri) 1.03.51; 8, M
Mactine (Ire) 1.03.80, Heat four: 1, H
Kashima (Sepan) 100.85; 2, Hajiue Cai
(Chrie) 1.00.85; 3, M Jacobsen (Den)
1.00.91; 4, G Rose (Br) 1.01.22; 5, J
Votioutisch (Ger) 1.01.47; 6, C Jeerson (Fr)
1.01.58; 7, L Zigu (Rom) 1.02.86; 8, J Yeo
(Singapore) 1.02.71 Heat fiver: 1, A Neartino
(US) 59.31sec: 2, S O'Neil (Aus) Irish
00.55ec; 3, U Spoberg (See) 1.01.01; 4, S
Skotu (Den) 1.01.25; 5, V Nezermova (Rus)
1.03.54; 6, 1 Yocchyn (M) 1.01.89; 8, C Foot (G8)
1.03.04; 1.01.89; 8, C Foot (G8)
1.03.04; 1.01.99; 5, S Everetz (Carl 1 01.32;
6, M Pelasez (Sp) 1 01.93; 7, J Arney (Carl
1.02.81. Women's 100m butterfly

Table tennis Women's doubles

Women's doubles

PRELIMINARY ROUND: Pool A: E Control
and Xiso Wang-Drechou Mang (Fr) bt B Chitu
and Lisun Geng (Cen) 21-17. 21-12. Pool
8: Wel Lus and Yunping Osco (Chine) bt B
Rodriguez Olste and S Tapes Canono
(Chile) 21-3. 21-2 O Nerres and J Schopp
(Cen) bt A Holt and L Longes (GB) 21-19, 2119 Pool C: Po Wa Che sign I an Lui Chen
(Ho) bt E Gonzalez and M Gomit (Pen) 215. 21-8. Petitanson and A Svenseson (Sve)
bt Hyon Kim and Jong-si Tu (N Kori 21-18,
21-18. Pool D: Hea-jung Perit and Ji-hee
Ryu (S Kor) bt N Kyaladaye and M Musoka
(Uga) 21-5. 21-14: Bei Hu-Yin and Xu Jing
(Talveri) bt E Costo Dema and G Cotocan
(Rom) 21-17, 17-21, 21-18. Pool E Hyang
tim and M Son (N Kor) bt Chen Chis-Tan
and Chen Jing (Talveri) 11-21, 22-20, 2117; C Beson and K Toth (Hun) bt Sharey
Zhou and Setila Zhou (Aus) 21-8, 21-17
Pool F: Well Wang and L Ye (US) bt E Noor
and H Vitessikoop (Ho) 21-18, 11-21, 2111; I Pathys and Y Timina (Rus) bt B Kaffo
and O Oshonales (Niggris) 21-10, 21-11
Pool G: C Koyares and T Todo (Japan) bt G
Keen and M Hoomer-Kloopenburg (Ho)
21-10, 21-12; E Schall and N Shules (Ger) bt
A Arts and L, Negrisol (II) 21-12, 21-15.
Pool H: F Kaibu sing R Sate (Japan) bt E
Agenovic and T Borte (Cro) 21-19, 21-14;
Moo loo Kim and Kyoung-se Park (S Kor)
bt M Don and L Kosaka (Br) 21-11, 21-10

Tennis

Men's singles Metris Singles

PERST ROUND: T Henman (GB) bt S

Massucia (Japan) 7-8, 6-3; M Rosset
(SMt2) bt H Arab (Mot) 6-2, 6-3; A Gaudenz
(II) bt C Costa (So) 6-3, 6-2, S Serguian
(Arm) bt D Nesion (Can) 6-4, 6-4, F

Fatterium (Den) bt J Etingh (Hol) 6-4, 4-6,
8-6; B Black (Zml) bt G Raoux (Fi) 6-3, 3-6,
8-2.

Women's singles FIRST ROUND: A Sanchez Vicano (Sp) bt D van Roost (Bel) 6-1, 7-5; M Seles (US) bt Li Chen (China) 6-0, 6-4.

Baseball

Round-robin Holland 14 Australia B; Nicaragua 7 Italy 2; United States 7 South Korea 2.

Basketball

Men's preliminary round POOL A: Crostia 109 China 78; Argentina 65 Lithuania 61, United States 87 Ang-POOL B: Greece 89 Brazil 87; Puerlo Pico 98 South Korea 85; Yugostavas 91 Austra-

**Boxing** 

Featherweight Featherweight
FIRST ROUND: R Palant (Rus) bt Shin
Soo-young (S Kon) pis; P Ndou (SA) bt C
Pation (Can) isc 1st md. K Sombuck (Thai)
bt L Sed R(P Rico) pis; D Atlah (Nigera) bt.
Lipera (PNG) pis; J Nagy (Hun) bt J Kelman
(Barb) isc Sid md; P Chacon (Ang) bt T Gray
(Jam) pis; J Lebon (Naun) bt S Yagli (Iun)
pis; F Hustle (Gar) bt D Burke (GB); U
bragmon (Lizb) bt N Lampon (Mong) isc
2nd md; R Peden (Aus) bt M Achik (Mon)
pis; S Todonov (Bul) bt E Shestakov (Mr)
pis; R de Brito (Br) bt N Mac(fround (Alg) pis; F
Mayweither (US) bt B Theganov (Kaz) isc
2nd md; A Gevorgyan (Arm) bt E Konemegu (Cam) pis.

Middleweight

Middleweight
FRST ROUND. Z Erdel (Hun) bt J P Lopez
(Mex) rec 3rd red; T Boroweld (Pol) bt M
Mosbell (Not) pts: H Moto (Lepan) bt Chen
Tao (China) pts; A Kokeundze (Georgial bt
R Araneda (Chile) pts. M Behan (Ng) bt T
Marcus (Barb) rec 2nd md: B Magee (tre) bt
R Thompson (Cen) pts; B Testes (Can) bt
Moon Lim-chul (S Kor) pts; R Rodriguez
(Br) bt B Gasio (W Sam) pts; R Wells (LS) bt
Johansen (Den) rec 3rd md; L Pachelka
(Ca) bt D Mathuniawa (Swaz) pts. A Herrandaz (Cuba) bt S Kheny (Egypt) pts; S
Ottle (Sen) bt J P Mandy (Fr) pts; S
Ottle (Sen) bt J P Mandy (Fr) pts; S
Ottle (Sen) bt J P Mandy (Fr) pts; J Crawford
(Aus) bt S Shivute (Nam) pts.

Equestrianism Three-day event, teams LEADERS AFTER DRESSAGE: 1, United States 123 Opts, 2, Great Britain 127 8; 3, New Zeefand 135 6; 4, Cenada 1402; 5, Australia 157 0; 6, Germany 157 8; 7, Jepan 161 8, 8, Nelly 166 4; 9, Ireland 167 6; 10, Sweden 171 8; 11, Spain 172 6; 12, France 176.6

Men's individual foil

CNLARTER-FINALS: A Puccini (it) bt Kim Young-ho (S Kor) 15-4; W Wienand (Ger) bt R Tucker Leon (Cube); L Plumenai (Fr) bt S Gotubytsky (Uko); F Boldin (Fr) bt P Omnes (Fr) (Fit) - FRALS: Phymerea bt Wienerd 15-9; Puccial bt Boidin 15-13 BRONZE MEDAL BOUT: F Boidin (Fr) bt Wienerd 15-11. FINAL: A Puccini (It) bt L Plumenaii (Fr)

Women's individual foll FIRST ROUND: | Georgieva (Bul) by I Michitosh (GB) 15-4.

CLIARTER-FINALS: G Trillini (it) bt A Xiao (Chins) 15-7; L Badea (Rom) bi A Mohamed (Hun) 15-8; L Modaine-Cessac (Fr) bt M Weber-Koszto (Ger) 15-14, V Vezzai (ft) bt A Marsh (US) 15-10.

SEMI-FINALS: Vezzai bt Modaine-Cessac 15-7; Badea bt Trillin 15-14. BRONZE MEDAL BOUT: G Tritini (III) bt PINAL: L Badee (Rom) bt V Vezzali (II) 15-10.

Football

Men's preliminary round POOL A: United States 2 Tunisis 0, Argentina 1 Portugal 1. Argentina 1 Portugal 1. POOL B: France 1 Spain 1; Australia 2. Saudi Arabia 1.

**Gymnastics** Men's team event FINAL POSITIONS: 1, Russia 576 778pts. 2, China 575.538; 3, Ularaine 571.541, 4, Belonusias 571.381, 5, United States 570.518; 6, Bulgeria 557.557; 7, Germany 557.405; 8, South Korea 557.054; 9, Romania 566.257; 10, Japan 556.019; 11, France 565 781; 12 Italy 564 142

Hockey Men's preliminary round POOL A: Spain 3 Pakisten 0; India Germany 1, Argentina 5 United States 2. Women's round-robin

Australia 7 Argentina 1; United States 3 South Korea 2. Judo · Men's under 86kg

Men's under 86kg
POOL A: First round: Ao Tegen (Crine) bt
M Pisuta (Pot) Second round: O Maliser
(Ras) bt Ao Tegen; A Bagdassarov (Lta) bt S
Celestin (Hahi), B Olson (US) bt Wu KuoHui (Taiwan): A Mericavolus (Libr) bt P
Locina (Cct); A Crostoru (Rom) bt H Yoshida
(Japan); R Meshurenko (Ukr) bt S Murray
(Netherlands Antilles), D Wildman (Aus) bt
S Klischin (Ausnie); D Yento (Fr) bt R Brich
(GB), Third round: Bagdassarov to Melsey,
Mericavicus bt Olson; Crostoru bt
Mashuranko; Yando: bt Wildman
(POOL, B: First round: N Gat (Carr) bt R
Cano (Guet) Second round: M Spittle
(Gay) bt S Alemchanov (Kaz); E Branco (B)
bt G Termindashvili (Georgie); Gill bt A
Ndenguela (Corpo); L Vikar (So) bt K Bayu
(Indo); P Bisti (Arg) bt A Kaaba (Mor); Y
Despeigne (Cube) bt S Hachicha (Tur);
Jean K-young (S Kor) bt M Huzonga (Hols);
S Abolo Bivole (Carr) bt J Raphael (Abur).
Third round: Spittle bt Branco; Gilb t Villar;
Despeigne bt Elist; Jeon Ko-young bt
Bivole.

QUARTER-FINALS: Begdassarov bt

Pierole.

QUARTER-FINALS: Begdasarov bt Merketicus: Crolloru bt Yandzr, Jeon Klyoung bt Despeigne: Spätka bt Gill.

SEMI-FINALS: Jeon Kryoung bt Spitka: Begdasarov best Crolloru.

BRONZE MEDAL BOUTS: M Spitka: Gerl bt Yoshida: M Huzzing (Hol) bi Crolloru.

FINAL: Jeon K-Young (S Kor) bt A Bagdasarov (Uzb)

Women's under 66kg

Women's under 68kg
POOL A: First round: Cho Min-sun (S Korl
Id R Cerripos (Br): R Kazumi (Japan) bt R
Stussicova (Cz). Second round: Wu MeiLing (Talwan) bt Kazumi: C Zwiers (Hol) bt I.
Ogasawara (US): D Pina (Dom R) bt P
Cheny (Mauri: Cho Min-sun bt Wang
Xanbo (China). Third round: Zwars bt Wu
Mei-Lingr, Cho Min-sun bt Pina. Repechages: Wang Xierbo bt Cempos: Ogasawara bt Wu Mei-Ling.
POOL B: First round: A von Rekowski (Ger)
bt E Presentozzi (fl): O Reve (Cube) bt C
Doon (Aus). Second round: M Sacaek
(Austrial to E Koteithoun (Rus). A Dubois
(Fr) bt Reve: A Szzepariska (Pol) bt M
Nguerra (Gabron): R Sweatman (GB) bt von
Rekowski. Third round: Dubos bt Spacek,
Szzepanska bt Sweatman Repochages:
Reve bt Spacek; Sweatman bt Nguerra.
CUARTER-FINAL: Reve of Sweatman.
CUARTER-FINAL: Reve of Sweatman.
SEAU-FINALS: Cho Min-sun b Zwios;
Szczepanska the DAL BOUTS: Wang Xiarsbo
(China) bt Dubois: C Zwiers (Hol) bt Reve
FINAL: Cho Min-sun (S Kor) bt A
Szczepanska (Pol).

Rowing

Men's quadruple sculls Men's quadruple sculls
HEATS (winners to semi-finals, remainder
to repechages); Heat one: 1, Australia (J.
Hooker, D. Free, R. Snook, B. Herson)
60,569; 2, Holland 606,98; 3, Belorussia
6,08,38; 4, Franco 6:12,89; 5, Poland
6,52,62; Heat two: 1, Italy (M. Paradiso, A.
Corona, R. Galtarossa, A. Sarlunj 6:05,75; 2,
United States 8:06,85; 3, Russia 6:10,62; 4,
Argentina 6:18,16; 5, Brazil 826,60; Heat
three: 1, Germany (A. Stienter, S. Volkert, A.
Hajak, A. Willins) 6:06,33; 2, Swigeriand
6:13,04.

Men's lightweight coxless fours Men's lightweight coxiess fours
HEATS (winners to semi-finale, remainder
to repechages): Heat one: 1. Denmark (N
Hendissen: 7 Poulsen, E Ebbasen, V
Foddersen) 5:20,13; 2, Iroland (D Holland,
S Lynch, N Meaned, A O'Cornor) 6:23,82;
S, Australia 6:25,87; 4, Italy 6:26,80; 5,
Great Britain (D Lemon, J Mohlmen, T Kay, B
Helm) 6:35,96; 6, Argentina 6:43,58 Heat
two: 1, Camada (J Loy, D Boyes, G Hassent,
B Peaker) 6:18,55; 2, United States 6:21,85,
Jepsin 8:30,16, 6, Portugal 7:37,13, Heat
twee: 1, South Africa (G Coste, M Rowand,
R Tobler, M Hassalbach) 6:19,98; 2,
Germany 6:22,97; 3, Austra 6:24,59, 4
Switzerland 6:26,50; 5, France 6:26,84
Meaned 6:26,50; 5, France 6:26,84

Women's quadruple sculis

HEATS (warners to semi-linate, remeinder to reperlages): Heat one: 1, Canada (L. Biesenthal, M. McBean, D. O'Grady, K. Hedde) 6:39.32, 2, Holland 6:48,76: 3, China 6:46.00; 4, Australia 6:48.58, 5.

ENNEADADATS ATERESULTS THOMAS AND RE-Romenta 6:50,93 Heat two: 1, Sermeny (J. Sorgers, K.Rutschow, K.Boron, K.Koepper) 6:26,00; 2, Russia 6:37,50; 3, Denmerk 6:38,25; 4, Ukrains 6:46,17; 5, United States 6:54,73.

Softball Round-robin Australia 4 Talwan C. Japan 3 China C. Canada 4 Puerto Rico D. United States 9 Holland D.

**Swimming** Men's 100m treestyle PRNAL 1, A Popos (Pas) 48,74sec; 2, G Hali (US) 48,81; 3, G Borges (Br) 48,02; 4, P van dan Hoogenband (Hol) 49,13; 5, F Schenz (Br) 49,57; 6, P Kinsylla (Lile) 48,65; 7, R Busquets (P Rico) 49,66; 8, F Sanchez (Van) 49,84

Men's 200m butterfly FiNAL: 1. D Pankatov (Pus) Imin 5651sec; 2, T Malchow (US) 1:57.44; 3, S Goodman (Aus) 1:57.48; 4, F Esposito (F) 1:58.10; 5, S Miller (Aus) 1:58.28; 6, D Sylamysev (Us) 1:58.37; 7, J Haciman (SB) 1:58.47; 8, P Horvath (Hun) 1:59.12.

Women's 400m freestyle FINAL: 1, M Smith (Ire) 4min 07:25sec; 2, D Hass (Ger) 4:08:30; 3, K Vileghuls (Ho) 4:08:70; 4, K Kielges (Ger) 4:09:83; 5, C Polt (C Rica) 4:10:08; 6, C Geurts (Ho) 4:10:08; 7, E Yamandi (Japan) 4:11,68; 8, C Tauscher (US) 4:14:21.

FiNAL: 1, B Botslood (LS) 1min 01 19ase: 2, W Hedgepath (LS) 1:01.47; 3, M Knel (S4) 1:02 12; 4, M Neiternas slaped 1:02.30; 5; Yan Chen (China) 1:02.50; 6, A Buschschulte (Ger) 1:02.52; 7, N Sevanson (Aus) 1:02.70; 8, M Neido (Japan) 1:02.78. Women's 4 x 100m freestyle relay

Women's 100m backstroke

PINAL: 1, United States (A Martino, A van. Dyken, C Fox, J Thompson) Smin 39 28aec; 2, China (Le Jingyi, Chad Na, Nian Yun. Shan Ying) 340.48; 3, Germany (S Yokar, S Cargus, A Buschschulta, F van. Almsick) 341.48; 4, Holland 342.40; 6, Swedan 344.91; 6, Australia 345.31; 7, Canada 348.27; Russia disqualitad. Volleyball

Women's preliminary round POOL A: Chins bt South Konse 17-18, 18-14, 2-15, 13-15, 15-13; aspen bt Ukraine 15-9, 15-5, 15-4; United States bt Holland 12-15, 16-10, 17-15, 15-7. POOL B: Russie bt Canada 15-1, 15-7, 5-9; Germany tx Paru 15-11, 16-6, 15-3; Bright bt Cube 15-11, 15-10, 16-4. Water polo

Preliminary round POOL A: Russia 10 Germany 6; Yugoslavia 9 Spein 7; Hungary 10 Holland 8. POOL B: Greece 8 Romania 5; Italy 10 Crpatia 8; United States 9 Ultraine 7. Weightlifting

Under 64kg Under B4Kg

1. N Sulsymanoga: (Tur, snatch 147.5kg. clasm and lank 187.5) 335.0 (world record);

2. V Laorides (Gr. 145, 187.5 — world record) 322.5; 3, Mao, Jianogang (Crima) 322.5; 4, Y Tasilis 145.0, 177.5) 322.5; 5, A Popa 135.0, 172.5) 307.5; 6, I liesy (But; 145.5, 162.5) 305.0; 7, M Yagel; (Tur; 135.0, 167.5) 302.5; 8, P Erboy (But; 140.0, 160.0) 300.0; 10, Y Miyaji (Japan; 140.0, 157.5) 297.5.

Yachting Men's Finn PRIST RACE 1; J M van der Ploeg (SPI; 2, Y Tokovyy (Ukr); 3, M Maler (Cz); 4, H Spatrauer (Austria); 5, M Valasek (Slovakla); 6, P Presti (ft); 18, R Sternhouse (GB). Soling ·

FIRST RACE: 1, United States; 2, Pusses; 3, Ireland (G Connolly, D O'Grady, M King); 4, Spain; 5, Germany; 8, Italy; 7, Great Britain (A Beadsworth, B Parkin, A Stead).

FIRST RACE: 1, Canada; 2, Brazit: 3, New Zealand; 4, United States; 5, Sweden; 8, Spain; 15 Great British (G. Charles, G. Studes); 23, Ireland (D. Burrows, M. Mansfield).

of Savannah for Olympic competition

hen you first see the sailed here. The day-marina so-called Olympic will be a sailed here. day-marina out in Wassaw Sound at the mouth of the Savannah and Wilmington rivers, it is hard not to think of a film set. The row of glistening white tents out in the swamp, with their long roof-top pennants streaming in the breeze, has been lik-

camped on the beach in El

the middle of nowhere, was

comparison comes to mind because the marina — indeed, the entire square feet, with just enough room to cram a tent for each has an air of unreality about team, its boats and gear. It

which is as unsuitable for racing as can be. The refusal to consider out-

opted to build a floating harbour out in the delta, about 11 miles from the venue management centre, which itself is a 20minute drive 'It is as

close to \$20 million.

from the city. The marina is constructed mainly from old American Army bridging barges. It is designed in an E-shape and covers 150,000

has its own chandlery, press

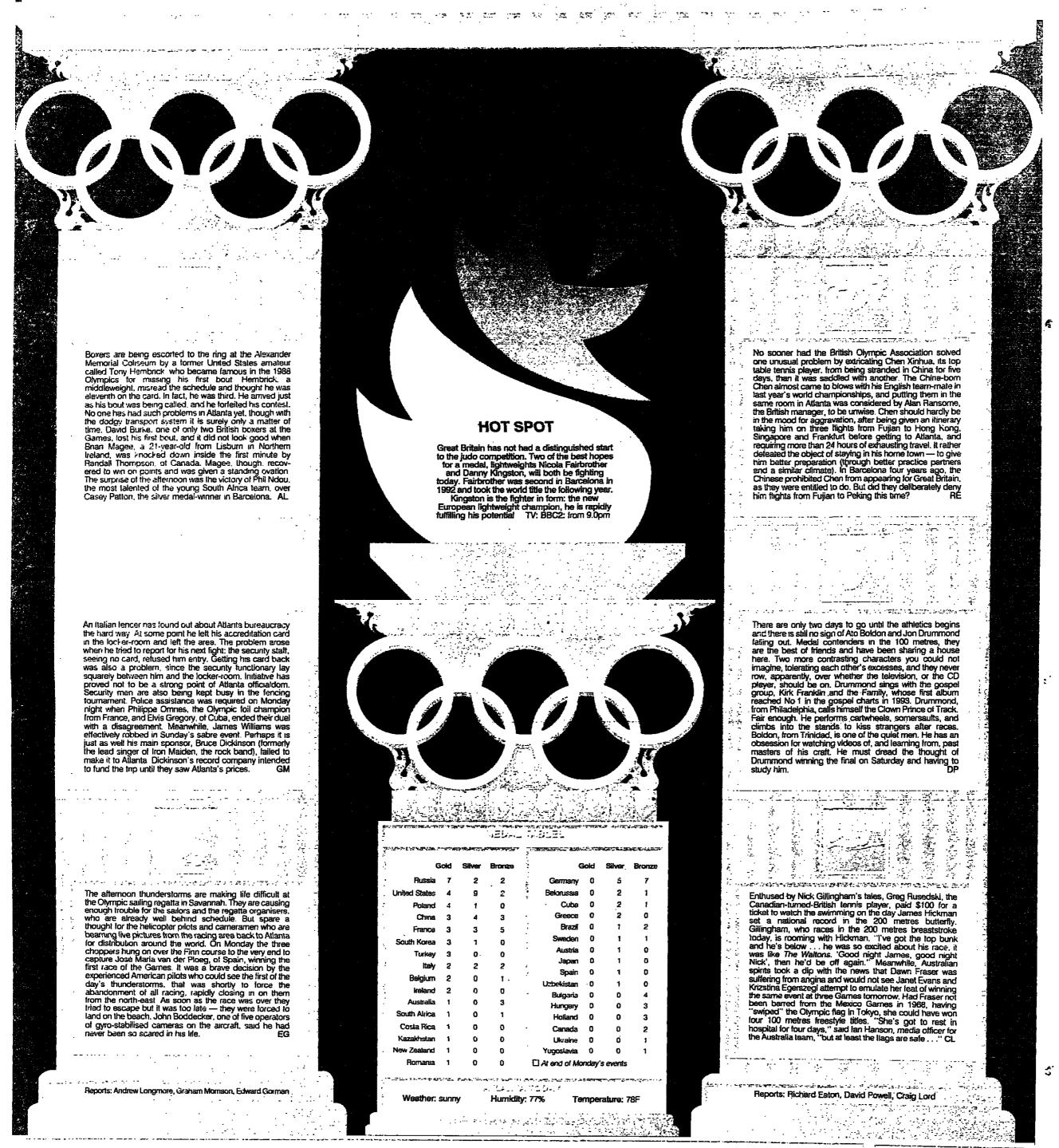
American Marines, and ev-

ery morning they dive under

centre and hospital. To supply it is a logistical challenge comparable to running a small army in battle. Everyone who goes there has to spend half an hour on a launch, travelling down river from the management centre. The marina has to be supplied with 20,000 galloas of water every day, fuel for its generators, and everything else from ice to hamburgers. At night it is guarded by

it to check for impet mines. Even from the marina, the sailors have a long way to go to the racing areas on the Atlantic, with the Solings should never have happened. The International Yacht Racing Union, the sport's governing body, should have put

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### **TODAY AT THE GAMES**

All times BST

BADMINTON: Men's and women's singles, first round (14.00, 19 00 and 01 00).

BASEBALL: Round-robin: Italy v United States (20.00); South Korea v Cuba (01.00) BASKETBALL: Men's pretiminary round: Pool A: China v Argentina (15 00); Croatia v Angola (22,00); Lithuania v United States (03 00). Pool B: Yugoslavia v South Korea (17 00); Australia v Brazil (20 00); Greece v Puerto Rico (01 00).

BEACH VOLLEYBALL: Men's and women's round-robin (14 00 and 19.00) BOXING: First round (light-welterweight and light-heavyweight, 18 30 and 01.00)

CYCLING: Men: Individual pursuit, qualification (15.00) and quarter-finals (18.00); 1km time-trial, Irial (16.45); sprint, qualification (21.30), first round (22.30) and repectages (23.30). Women: Sprint, qualification (16.15)

EQUESTRIANISM: Three-day event: Team jumping (final discipline, 14.00): individual dressage (second day. 20.001

20.00). FENCING: Men's team sabre, preliminanes (16.00) and final stages (22.00): women's team épée, preliminaries (13.00) and final stages (20.00) FOOTBALL: Men's preliminary round: Pool A: United States v Portugal, Argentina v Tunissa (00.30) Pool B: France v Saudi Arabia, Spain v Australia (00.00) GYMNASTICS: Men's individual all-round final (21.15) HANDBALL: Men's preliminary round: Pool A: Russia v Kuwari (15.00); Croatia v Switzerland (19.30), Sweden v United States (00.00) Pool B: France v Spain (17.00); Egypt v Algeria (21.30); Germany v Brazi (02.00). Egypt v Algeria (21.30); Germany v Brazil (02.00).

HOCKEY: Men's preliminary round: Pool A: United States v India (14.00): Spain v Argentina (22.30), Germany v Pakistan (01.00).

JUDO: Men's under 71kg and women's under 56kg, preliminaries (14.30) and finals (20.00).

preliminaries (14.30) and finals (20.00).

ROWING: Ment: Repechages: Lightweight double sculls (14.00): lightweight coxiess fours (15.00); quadruple sculls (15.50); eights (16.10). Women: Repechages: Lightweight double sculls (14.30); quadruple sculls (15.30); eights (16.00)

SHOOTING: Ment: Double trap, preliminaries (14.00) and final (19.30); 25-metre rapid fire pistol, preliminaries (15.00). Women: 50-metre standard rifle, three-position, preliminaries (13.30) and final (17.00)

SOFTBALL: Round-robln: United States v Taiwan (14.00); Puerto Rico v China (16.30); Australia v Holland (23.30), Japan v Canada (02.00).

SWIMMING: Heats at 15.05 for evening finals plus women's 800m freestyle. Finals: Men: 200m breast-

stroke (00.33): 100m butterfly (01.19). Women: 200m individual medley (00.55); 4 x 100m medley relay (01.39). TABLE TENNIS: Men's singles, round-robin (15.00); men's and women's doubles, round-robin (00.00). TENNIS: Men's and women's singles, first round (15.00). VOLLEYBALL: Women's preliminary round: Pool A: Japan v Holland (15.00); United States v China (00.30); South Korea v Ultraine (03.00). Pool B: Canada v Germany (17.30); Brazil v Russia (21.00); Peru v Cuba (23.30).

(23.30). WATER POLO: Preliminary round: Pool A: Hungary v Yugoslavia (16.00); Spain v Russia (17.40); Holland v Garmany (21.40). Pool B: Greece v Ukraine (20.00); Italy v Romania (23.20); Croatia v United States (03.00). WEIGHTLIFTING: Under 76kg: Group B (17.30) and Group A (finel; 21.00). YACHTING: Two races to be sailed in each class, men's and women's Mistral, men's and women's 470, men's Finn, women's Europe, Laser, Star (18.00).

#### WHEN TO WATCH ON TELEVISION

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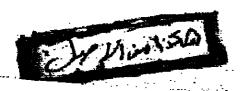
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**OLYMPIC GAMES** 

### Stark comes to grief as Australia break clear

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN ATLANTA

AUSTRALIA, the defending thampions, swept into a 61point lead in the Olympic three-day event contest after an incident-filled speed and endurance phase in the Georgia International Horse Park yesterday. On a day when it was not the heat (88F) which dictated the outcome but the rider's ability to "read" the punishing, undulating course. the United States, the overnight leaders, were relegated



to second place. New Zealand the favourites, are lying third, Great Britain's day began disastrously, when Ian Stark and Stanwick Ghost fell at the first water complex. With William Fox-Pitt and Cosmopolitan also incurring 20 jumping penalties, it was only the heroic clear rounds of Gary Parsonage, on Magic Rogue - competing in the team for the first time - and Karen Dixon. on Too Smart, which kept Britain, second

overnight, in the medal hunt in sixth place. From the moment that New Zealand's former world champion, Blyth Tait, on Chesterfield, set out at 8.20am, the severity of the course was never in doubt. Tait, one of the most experienced competitors in the field, had to ride every

inch of the way to bring

Chesterfield home clear. Although the course was shorter than for a usual fourstar event - in deference to the expected conditions - it was the difficult terrain and the angle at which many of the fences were sited which caused many of the problems. Only one horse, Upont, ridden by Jacques Dulcy, of France,

Fox-Pitt, who said his horse, Cosmopolitan, finished no more tired than at an English event. was one of several riders to sustain a fall on the flat after watering had made patches of the course "like black ice". The fall, in front of lence 17, the Olympic Rings. was not penalised as it did not occur at the actual ience. He attributed his refusal at fence eight — an uncomfortable bounce of two mud huts where Vicky Latta, of New Zealand, on Broadcast News, came to grief - to Cosmopolitan's

belief that he was expected to jump them both in one. Stark's ten-year-old Stanwick Ghost set out "jumping like a star" but he had his eye at fence 1) firmly set at the brush sence out of the water, rather than the small step up in front. Despite the spectacular fall, Stark quickly remounted Stanwick Ghost,

who finished the course full of Despite these early disasters the phlegmatic Parsonage said that he felt under no pressure as he entered the start box for the cross-country. "I just wanted to get round

clear - that's what I was brought here to do," he said. True to his word, he produced a workmanlike, round with no faults to lift morale within the British camp. Dixon, despite some hairy moments on the impetuous Too

Smart, used all of her consid-

erable experience to continue the team's rehabilitation. Australia forged ahead after outstanding rounds from their first two riders - Wendy Schaeffer, on the extravagant jumper Sunburst, and Phillip Dutton, on True Blue Girdwood.

Schaeffer's attacking round just nine weeks after breaking her leg in a schooling accident - summed up the sheer grit and determination of the Australians who, with their fourth rider, Andrew going clear, can now afford to have 12 fences down in today's showjumping and still retain the gold medal.



Stark, of Great Britain, guides Stanwick Ghost through a water hazard during the speed and endurance phase of the three-day event

### Protesters picking on the wrong target

DO ANIMALS have rights? This question is brought into pin-sharp focus whenever horses jump. The three-day event here has excited all kinds of concern from those who hold out for animal rights, and you can see what they mean.

The cross-country stage of a three-day event is perhaps the most dramatic thing humans and animals ever do together. The joint courage of horse and rider is quite astounding.

Nothing in sport can touch it. The Grand National? That is a different matter. It is the madness of herd instinct that is at the heart of steeplechasing. In eventing, we are dealing in an altogether different currency: trust. It is the only form of payment that is acceptable. Without mutual trust in each other's skill, comage and athleticism, there

cross country is almost like a panning and serious thought the Brits as painfinder took divorce, a failure of trust, and have gone in to making a the most appalling purler. My often the question of who is to course that stretches them to own "Oh God" was more blame is unanswerable. Therein lies the prayer than blasphemy.

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The prayer than blasphemy.

The question of cruelty is always brought up for the Olympic three-day event. It has been gone in to remorselessly and at length here, and quite rightly, too. It really is much too hot for galloping a horse. Yet the vets seem to be the only people at these chaotic Games who have thought ahead. The enforced breaks and cooling stations, with the banks of fans blasting atomised water over grateful horses, have worked.

They are finishing with temperatures no higher than in the UK," the British rider, Wiliam Fox-Pitt, said. "My horse is really fresh coming off the chase, and he was really bright." Ginny McGrath, of Ireland, went a step further: "This is the first three-day event where I haven't had to worry about my horse cooling down."

is simply no way round a A great deal of planning cross-country course. and serious thought have That is what lends a special gone in to making things poignancy, a special drama comfortable for the horses to the inevitable faits. A fair at this also a preat deal of

SIMON BARNES

Atlanta sketch

essential parodox of the business Sitting in a press tent at an Sibestrian event is unlike any other press gathering I know. Screams, gasps, oaths and terrible blasphemies greet every mistake. Everyone really cares — it is that kind of

ther the rider or the horse is dead, probably both. Poor old Stanwick Ghost, wonderfully willing, whacked his fence coming out of the water. He hit it so hard that he came within a toucher of going head over beels. Now that really might have killed them

Stark got up, shaken not stirred. Next thing, rider and horse had patched up their differences, settled out of court. The divorce was off again and so were they, galloping as if mistrust between borse and man were inconceivable. "I jumped the fence and he didn't," Stark said in the glorious afterglow of competition. "Unfortunatethat doesn't count in the Olympics. The horse is fine. We had a brilliant finish."

The heat was not a problem for him. "So far as I am concerned, it puts the animal rights people in their place." he said. "We are as concerned

son concerned about animal rights will be absolutely delighted that the horses welfare was taken so seriously, and that the measures taken for them were so effective. We are right to be concerned about the welfare of

our beasts. But, really, threeday eventing is the worst possible target for anyone seriously concerned with animal rights. The horses, tested to the limit, are also loved and pampered to the limit. With luck, a wonderfully exhilarating competitive life is fol-lowed by a long and comfortable retirement. Animal rights enthusiasts could find tter targets.

Animals have rights, all right, but these rights were taken with appropriate seriousness at the three-day event. As for the paradox of why you must test your cherished beast over fences that terrify the life out of you, I cannot answer. It Perhaps it is to do not with the of a different species, but of

### **Dramatic** Haining makes light of heavy challenge

FROM MIKE ROSEWELL COWING CORRESPONDENT IN GAINESVILLE

PETER HAINING and Guin Batten both qualified for their sculls semi-finals on Lake Lanier yesterday, Haining with the drama he inevitably generates and Batten with a coolness which belied her achievement.

There were those who thought that Haining, world lightweight champion for the past three years, would not qualify for Atlanta as a heavyweight. He did.

Others said he would not make the top 12. He did that yesterday in a remarkable race into an unfriendly headwind when he had to finish first or second, where first was booked by the world champion, Iztok Cop, of

Fourth at 500 metres. Haining moved past the Finn, Soderblom, at 800 metres, but the young Australian, David Cameron, was 11/2 lengths ahead of him at halfway. Haining did a scheduled push at 1,250 metres and crept back, finally moving to second, and semi-final qualification at 1,700 metres. "David rowed



past me at Lucerne," said "Now I have returned the compliment."

Batten, who is Haining's training partner, under coach, Miles Forbes-Thomas who changed the boat rigging of both his proteges yesterday, qualified less dramatically. Needing to finish in the top three, she saw the German. Meike Evers, as "the opponent to target". At halfway, with the German lying fourth, the aim was achieved and Batten relaxed. "I dropped my race profile then. My objective was just to finish third," she said.

Bill Mason, the coach, not overjoyed at the performance of his women's eight on Monday, was uplifted when the crew's two spare rowers, Philippa Cross and Kate Macken zie reached the semi-final of They led at the start, were overhauled by the Czechs and South Africans, but held the vital third place to the

James Cracknell remained spectator yesterday after double sculls. His temperature was down, but his pulse

### Disappointing Britons wilt in heats Australia maintain winning record

FOR Britain, this was a crucial moment in their aquatic campaign. But a morning that started with high hopes and Paul Palmer's qualification for the final of the 400 metres freestyle and ended with a British record for the 4 x 100 metres freestyle relay, was largely one of despondency, despair and underachievement.

Palmer, 21, from Lincoln, said he felt "heavy and a bit tired" but hopeful for later" after beating Tom Dolan, the American tipped to win a final he failed to make, in the

FROM CRAIG LORD IN ATLANTA

After Palmer, British observers could be excused for thinking they had been transported to Wimbledon as Briton after Briton failed to make the grade. Marie Hardiman, of Birmingham, could only manage 2mins 31 12sec, half a second outside her best, for twelfth place. She was

The worst came from Neil Willey and Martin Harris, respectively third and fifth fastest in the world coming into Atlanta, who both failed to make the final of the 100m backstroke. Willey made the B final with a fifteenth place, but there was

no second swim for Harris, who was 26th. Caroline Foot, at 31 the oldest team member, was also well off her best to finish 27th in the 100 metres butterfly. The session ended on a more

hopeful note, though. The quartet of Nicholas Shackell, Alan Rapley, Mark Stevens and Mike Fibbens shaved 0.07sec off the British record set in Barcelona, 1992, as 3min 21.34sec proved good enough to qualify in eighth place for the 4 x 100 metres freestyle relay final. Stevens, from Macclesfield, swam a 49.97sec split, his first time under 50sec.

AUSTRALIA consolidated their position at the top of the table in the women's Olympic hockey tournament yesterday with a 1-0 victory over Germany (Sydney Friskin writes). It was Australia's third successive win and they are now the only team with maximum points. Danni Roche scored the winning

goal in the 25th minute with a fine solo effort after picking up a clearance near the 25-yard line. Australia and the second-placed Germans seem unlikely to have the race all to themselves. Behind are the United States and South Korea, both with medal hopes. The Kore-ans were unlucky to lose 3-2 on the



previous day to the Americans, who scored the winning goal five seconds from time through Barbara Marois. Argentina lifted themselves off the bottom of the table with a 1-0 victory over Spain, from a goal in the 44th minute by Jorgelina Rimoldi.

Fortunes continued to fluctuate in the men's event. On Monday Germany were within two minutes of dropping out of the running in Pool A when Saliger scored to level

competition of their lives.

The occasion affects peop

fortunately, because of the

strict security, this has not been possible, but from a

distance you can see, during

the warm-ups, for example, the buzz of activity. Nothing

special is happening; every-

body is just getting on with their job; but, if you took away

all the surroundings and just

looked into the pool, you could

not really see any difference

between this and any other

large swimming competition.

the atmosphere must be ex-

tremely intense among the

competitors but, in fact, it

tends to be fairly relaxed. People are just sitting around,

joking, cheering on colleagues

or enjoying starting up chants.

competitors do become over-

whelmed by the whole idea of

being at the Olympic Games

and, as a consequence, they

swim badly. My ceach, Bill

Furniss, has always warned

Sometimes inexperienced

A lot of people presume that

the match against India 1-1. In the second half, India had only kept in the match thanks to the goalkeeping of Subbaiah.

Against the run of play, Mukesh Kumar, of India, broke free to score in the 62nd minute but victory was eventually snatched from them. The results left Argentina at the top after a 5-2 victory over the United States. Spain were second on the same number of points.

In Pool B, after the 2-2 draw between Holland and Great Britain, there was no team with maximum points although Holland remain top with three points and Britain are still in the hunt, a point behind.

earlier hopes that he would rejoin Rob Thatcher in the rate was still high and Guy Pooley remained The British had to finish in

the top two of their repechage to reach the semi-final and approached the task bravely being virtually level with Canada at 500 metres. By halfway Canada had moved away and Australia, with the 1992 Olympic champion, Peter Antonie, at how, had moved to second. and Britain had no reply.

### Des Loves Shazza show offers poolside light relief

lympic night four and without doubt the best yet. Great gymnastics. superb swimming and some first-class flirting by Des Lynam. But more of Des Loves Shazza later.

Monday night was breakthrough time. When you find yourself getting excited by sports you know next to nothing about... then you can be certain that old Olympic mag-ic is at work again. It should be all downhill from here. But wait. More gymnastics

and swimming? Wasn't that what we had last night and the night before? It is and it's also what we get tonight and tomorrow night as well. Gymnastics, swimming, bit of boxing, the odd hockey match... for those of us doing the Atlanta Games the hard way. the live way, the over-night way, they are hardly proving the spice of sporting life.

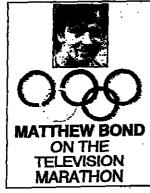
But if every night is as good as Monday night, well, to quote the great Barry Davies, "frankly, who cares" . Quite why gymnastics and swimming are providing such good television is a bit of a mystery. After all, we British are proving pretty indifferent at both. To such an extent that Hamilton Bland ("Hammy" as Lynam calls him) has got the delivery of ill-tidings down to a fine art. "And now the final unfortunately

Karen/Sarah/Helen/the

4 x 100 metres freestyle team

just missed out in the heats...

they go in the B final."



Instead, we win gold medals by proxy. "Congramlations," said Sharron Davies as a still dripping Michelle Smith stepped into shot. "You've won us another gold medal...l mean, you've won Ireland another gold medal." The slip was understandable. The BBC has taken Smith to its heart in a way that would be difficult to imagine from the more guarded tones of the morning newspapers. Presumably on the basis that even a swimmer is innocent until she has been proven guilty, there was no mention of her husband's

Lynam, having appeared to take a couple of days to shake off Wimbledon-lag, is back on top form. Some preview footage of the gymnastics that lay ahead prompted this gem: Ah, you see — if only we had only looked after our bodies. we could do things like that." One member of the BBC after her body, a fact which is now being shamelessly exploited by all involved. Most on the spot reporters are shot from the shoulders up. I mean, when did you last see Kate Adie's or Martin Bell's knees on camera. Sharron Davies, by contrast, is shot from the little toe up. "Nice, Sharron." said Lynam as the camera lingered over her latest ensemble, "very nice indeed". "Thanks very much, Des,"

she replied, clearly happy with a spot of flattery if it furthers her media career. Whether her talents as a reporter further that career remains to be seen. She holds forth with eloquence and enthusiasm, but she does have a habit of forgetting key facts. Des prompts her as gently as he knows how."I suppose we'd better mention him by name," he said after 60 seconds which had seen Davies in no danger of identifying Alexander Popov as the subject of her eulogy. "And just remind me of his event

The gymnastics continues (as it will for some days) to pit Barry Davies, Mitch Fenner and Christine Still for the BBC against Nick Fellows and Monica Phelps for Eurosport. What is impressive (from a Eurosport point of view) is that there really is precious little to choose between them. For the first time it looks as if Eurosport really will cast off its reputation as a foreign channel that has been dubbed team, of course, has looked into English.

### Crowd stunned by Why I'd treat the Olympics Popov's brilliance Craig Lord salutes the elegant Russian who

won the best 100 metres in swimming history

ALEXANDER POPOV may have emulated Johnny Weissmuller by retaining his 100 metres freestyle title but this Russian man of gold has no intention of turning his attentions to the silver screen. Though graced with filmstar looks and a pleasing personality. Popov. 24, has no

interest in Hollywood. Asked to name his favourite actor, he replied: "This is an American question. I am reality, not them. They must dream about Popov had only 0.07sec in

hand over Gary Hall Jr. of the United States, on Monday night, so it was no swimaway victory in a final that saw all eight men break 50 seconds the first time this has happened. Three set national records after qualification which produced eight sub-50 second swims and five national records. In the B final, three competitors broke 50 seconds and there was another national record.

What a shame that an audience so focused (America's favourite word) on its own boy and devastated by his defeat - silver medals are for losers - appeared not to man. He's used to working fully appreciate Popov's Unlike the crowd of 7,000

that cheered Weissmuller in

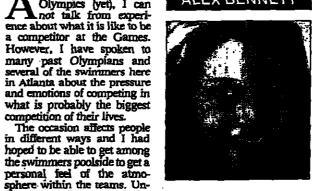
in Amsterdam (58.6sec) in 1928, the 15,000 spectators at the Georgia Tech pool were at fever pitch only until the result flashed up: 48.74 to 48.81 in favour of the Russian. With the patriotic volume turned down, Popov was rewarded with polite applause, Popov had turned 0.09sec behind Hall but still seemed in control. There was no

panic, no break of rhythm and no shortening of stroke as the benefit of training up to 90 kilometres a week - a phenomenal amount for a sprinter — paid dividends. Hours of painstaking drills, his coach, Gennadi Touretski, argues, are the only way to ensure that perfection comes as second-nature under com-

petition pressure. It was late in 1989 that Touretski, who was talentspotting, called in at a pool in Sverdlovsk. He took one look at the gangly youth gliding across the water on his back and announced: Turn him over and he'll be a big star." Flena Vaitsekhovkaia, who helps out with Popov's coaching when Touretski is away, said: "He likes to be a normal

hard, a simple life and talking to ordinary people. Other swimmers are not rivals, just swimmers trying to be first. Paris (time: 59.0sec) and a And he's a swimmer used to similarly enthusiastic throng coming first."

### the same as any other race ALEX BENNETT A Olympics (yet), I can not talk from experi-



Olympic diary

me of this problem. Time after time, he has said: "Just because it is the Olympics. Alex, nothing has to change. In the end, it's just another

To practise this advice, though, is not always easy. The crowd at a big event can be intimidating and some swimmers find themselves too pressurized by it; others are lifted by the atmosphere and encouraged by all the support. The latter are the swimmers who will perform well. Therefore, at the Olympics, you can be confident that there is going to be a mix of excellent and

When it comes to losing or swimming badly, you can talk about sadness, disappointment and despair, but often

poor swims.

the predominant feeling is bewilderment. So, often, there is no explanation for. "Why did I swim badly; what went wrong?" The body language will say it all: a frown and a shrug of the shoulders. The worst aspect, however, is that there is nothing you can now do about it. You have had your chance and now it's gone. You are going to have to face another four, long years of training before you can try again. I have got another four years of training to endure, too, but in one way it is a little easier for me: at least I know exactly why I did not make it to the Olympics as a swimmer this time round.

Being here as a speciator feels strange and I'd much rather be swimming. I am really enjoying watching, though. I am getting fairly tense and emotional, particularly when my friends and colleagues swim. I have been waving my flag madly and my voice has almost gone ... guess that this is all a part of being here at the Olympic

Although no medals have been won yet by British swimmers, the team as a whole have not done badly; the best chances for medals are still to come, and they are keeping confident. I am not losing hope of seeing the Union Jack flying several times before the end of the week. I am keeping my fingers crossed and I will keep shouting, as I believe my hopes will be fulfilled.

### Sniper lies in wait for one-paced bowlers

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

DEBATES over the pace of respective bowlers are as old as the game of cricket itself. tomorrow, however, spectators need wonder no longer. The crowd at Lord's for the first Test between England and Pakistan will know the precise speed of each ball to within two seconds of its delivery.

The information will be displayed on an electronic screen, in the same way as service speeds are recorded at Wimbledon, and it comes by courtesy of an innovation called the "Sword Sniper". It is a guaranteed crowd-pleaser, the more so for the publicrelations triumph of being launched on a ground where. until recently, modern techsuspicion.

The Sniper, sponsored by Wilkinson Sword, was unveiled yesterday with a ceremonial trial run carried out by Chris Lewis, the England new-ball bowler. He was closely watched by Peter Lever, the team's bowling coach, who had a wager with Lewis that he could not register 87mph. Lever was right. Lew-is's quickest ball was 83mph. fast enough for one about to undergo a fitness test on a troublesome thigh strain.

Tomorrow, the display screen will be positioned at the foot of the Edrich stand, visible to the majority of the sell-out crowd. It will be fed by information gleaned by radar guns at each end of the ground, whose signals are instantly processed by a cen-



The Sniper is put through its paces at Lord's yesterday

tral computer. Wasim Akram will barely have finished his follow-through before the measure of his latest effort is flashed up, and tests indicate that it will be accurate 98 times out of 100.

Television viewers will also be able to enjoy the information. Essentially, it is an extension of an idea previously explored by BSkyB, which is 40 per cent owned by News International, owners of The Times, who wanted to insert miniature radar guns in the top pockets of umpires' coats, and there can be no doubting the appeal of the information. Tim Crow, sales director of Sports and Outdoor Media. the company responsible for

the innovation, said yesterday: "We believe this will revolutionise cricket-watching." An exaggeration, of course, but Crow had a point. "Every summer, countless column inches are devoted to the subject of bowlers' speeds. Until now, nobody has known for sure," he explained.

Agreement has also been secured for the Sniper to operate during the final Test of the summer, at the Oval next month, but Crow said there is so far no arrangement for its use in the second Test at Headingley.

It does, however, have the support and endorsement of the Test and County Cricket Board, whose chief executivedesignate, Tim Lamb, indulged in a harmless exaggeration of his own when he claimed yesterday: "This reinforces the English game's reputation for successful innovation."

Lamb enthused over the scope of the Sniper, saying: "We will now know the speed range of slow bowlers, the pace of Shane Warne's flipper and the increases in speed when a star batsman comes in or when a fast bowler has just been hit for four, and when a fast bowler tries a slower ball. I like to think I used to do that effectively, but my teammates wanted to know when I might learn how to bowl a

### RADIO CHOICE

### Suez: a tale of two conflicts

Suez 1956: The Crisis and The Consequences. Radio 4, 7,20pm.

Suez 1956: The Crisis and The Consequences. Radio 4, Lapm. It all happened 40 years ago. Nasser suddenly grabbed the Suez Canal. Britain and France bombed and invaded the Canal Zone. Israeli forces crossed into the Sinai Peninsular lines. Radio 4's linked programmes about the 1956 crisis award Nasser more pluses than minuses. With Anthony Eden. it's the other way around. It is probably true, that if ever a conflict of personalities changed history, it was the one between Nasser and Eden. A note of what sounds like jingoism is struck by Sir Thomas Pickett, chief of staff of the Suez Air Task Force: "It was a marvellous inter-service exercise. Once the thing got going, we probably all enjoyed it."

Whippets and Marsupials. Radio 4. 9.45am.

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 6.30am Chris Evans 9.00 Smon Mayo 11.30 Fladlo 1 Roadshow, live from Scarborough 12.30pm Lisa l'Anson 2.00 Nicly Campbell 4.00 Mark

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RADIO 2

PM Stereo. 6.00am Serah Kennedy 7.30 Walee Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Brucs 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debble Thrower 3.00 Ed Steneart 5.05 John Durar 7.00 Reigh McTell with Folk on 2 a.00 Upstream with Bellamy (3/6) 8.30 Wellwishers (4/4) 9.00 Frank Hennessy's Wales. A new series in which the tolk musician Frank Hennessy travels all over Wales 9.30 Nigel Ogden 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Steve Madden 3.80 Alex Lester

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Chympic Breakfast Programme 6.35 The Magazine, with Diana Madill, Incl 10.35 News from Europe 12.00 Middley with Mair, incl 12.35pm Moneycheck 2.60 Inventale's Olympics. The morning's news from Atlanta incl cycling and swimming 5.35 Nationwide incl at 5.45 Enterharment News 7.00 Olympic News Estra, Incl at 7.20 Sports and Olympic Roundup 7.45 Atlanta Live, with Sybul Roscoe and lan Payre Includes ternis, boxing, cycling, eventing and yachting 10.00 Night Estra 11.05em Inventale's Olympics, incl badminton, boxing, cycling and hockey 3.05 Up All Night

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TALK RADIO

6,30am Paul Ross 10,00 Scott Chisholm 1,00pm Anna Raebum 3,00 Torrmy Boyd 5,00 Peter Deeley 7,00 Sports Zone 10,00 James Whale 1,00am fan Collins

Madden 3,00 Alex Lester

This is feel-good radio. An undemanding addition to Radio 4's summertime schedule. Andy and family and Simon and family briefly swap houses. A terraced dwelling in County Durham for a bush bungalow in the Adelaide Hills of South Australia. The two men pack in their middle-management jobs to try something more exciting. They keep in touch through tape-recorded letters. Wet, snowy, winter for Simon and family in County Durham, scores freshly baked by good neighbour, cat gets tail pulled by infant. Hot summer days in South Australia for Andy and family. Cool wine on the terrace parrots flitting to and for unfa tears a ligament in her the terrace, parrots flitting to and fro, wife tears a ligament in her

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#### IN BRIEF

### Close-run thing for Times Cup

JOHN CARMICHAEL won The Times Challenge Cup at Bisley yesterday in a suddendeath finish with Tony Jones. a fellow member of the Great Britain team which last year won the world target rifle championship.

Carmichael, from North Piddle in Worcestershire. made 24 with his five tieshots, then beat Jones, from Bath, by a V-bull to a "cooking hull" to win the trophy.

Nick Brasier, of London and Middlesex RA, also had 24.4 in the tie-shoot, but finished third with an inner in the sudden-death finish. The Land Rover Grand

Aggregate, the overall championship of the meeting, is still close, with Andy Gent three points in front of Steve Thomas, having scored 346 out of 350 in the first seven events.

Squash: A mature performance from Adrian Grant, 15, helped England to beat Australia 2-1 in the final qualifying round of the world junior men's team championship in Cairo yesterday.

With John Russell having lost to Anthony Ricketts and Lee Beachill having beaten Stewart Boswell, a finalist in the individual event last week, Grant showed great maturity to overcome Paul Peters 9-6,

☐ Cricket: Richie Richardson will cantain a World XI in a benefit match for Dermot Reeve, the Warwickshire captain, next month. Reeve, who announced his retirement last week because of a hip problem, has assembled an all-star side to take on his county at Edgbaston on August 3.

WORLD XI: R B Richardson, I R Bishop, M A Athenton, N H Faitbrother, P A de Silva, S T Jayasunya, R G Twose, G Kirsten, B M McMillan, D J Richardson, M G Hughes

### TENNIS: YORKSHIRE STALWART FINDS LURE OF COUNTY WEEK IRRESISTIBLE Ickringill answers call to arms

By ALIX RAMSAY

WITH some dogs you simply cannot teach them new tricks. It does not matter how many times you try to tell them, they still keep plugging away in the same old vein. County Week is no exception. Regardless of the conditions, the results and the workload, the players keep coming back for more. You cannot keep them away.

Simon Ickringill has been trying not to come to Eastbourne for some time. He made his debut for Yorkshire 18 years ago as a promising young thing of 21. Now playing his nineteenth County Week, Friday will mark his last appearance for the team. Probably. He is willing to commit himself to a definite maybe about that one, but when it comes to Yorkshire's hopes, the call to battle stirs the heart every time.

"I think the time has come to start sending some juniors down," he said, somewhat disgruntled after his second defeat of the day. A three-set slog in a fierce and blustering wind had seen Ickringill and Richard Oades lose 6-7, 6-3, 7-6 to Nick Fulwood and Kenny Wood, of Derbyshire, and that after having three match points at 5-4. The problem is we never have any juniors free to play. If Yorkshire are desperate I'll be back, but this is probably my last one. I am 39 years old after all," Ickringill said.

There are compensations for the disappointments of advancing years and dogged opponents, though. County Week is, according to those who have sampled its mixed delights, different to any other tournament. "It is one of the few opportunities we get to see each other," Ickringill said. "I suppose it's the team spirit that is one of the attractions." That and defending the honour of Yorkshire. Ickringill is big in Yorkshire. He won the Yorkshire championships eight times between 1981 and 1989 and during his stint as the county's stalwart during County Week, Yorkshire have claimed the championship title three times. Not bad for a lad who never had any individual coaching when he was starting out, "And you can still see the technical defects if you look hard enough," he

For the last 14 years he has earned his crust as a coach at Ilkley tennis club. He had tried his luck on the circuit, heading for South Africa and the satellite circuit, but after a year the money ran out and when Ilkley LTC offered the chance of regular money and a way to pay the mortgage he settled for the security. carried on playing in UK events and for the county," he said. "But that's half the problem of this event, I haven't played a tournament for a while and then you come straight into this. It takes me a couple of rubbers to get going

Getting going was a general problem yesterday. The conditions conspired to make life miserable for everyone. As the wind grew stronger and stronger so the courts were strewn with low-flying drinks cans, coffee cups and scoreboards. while one poor chap was beaned by a falling sign which was pointing the way to the first-aid centre and probably explains why he was not hurt.

The champions, Devon, were blown away 6-3 by Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, whose top pair of Chris Wilkinson and Lawrence Matthews breezed through their three rubbers without dropping a set. Life was a lot easier for Essex, the women's champions, who swept past Warwickshire 7-2



Ickringill fights a losing three-set battle for Yorkshire against Derbyshire

### MONDAY'S LATE LTA COUNTY CUP RESULTS

MENt Group one (Eastbourne): Devon 8
Lelcestershire 1; Surrey 8 Yorkshire 3;
Hampshire and Isle of Wight 8 Derbyshire
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5 Essex 4; Kent 8 Dorset 1; Berkshire 5
Lancashire 4 Group three (Hunstanton):
West of Scotland 8 Middlesex 1; Hertfordshire 5 Lincohshire 4; Warwickshire 5
South Wales 4. Group four (Purley):
Somerset 6 Northampionshire 3; Notlinghamshire 6 Cambridge 3; Willshire 8
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Cheshire 5 Hereford and Worcester 4.
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bertand 7 Bedfordshire 2: North of Scotland 9 Shropshire 0, East of Scotland 7 Comwell 2. Group seven (Southsea): Gloucestershire 7 South of Scotland 2 Staffordshire 9 North Wales 0; Suffolk 9 Channel Islands 0; Cumbria 8 Isle of

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Cambridgeshire 3, Group four (Worthing):
Derbyshire 5 Buckinghamshire 4; Bedfordshire 5 Devon 4; Northamptorshire 8
Cheshire 1. Group five (Feliostowe):
Hereford and Worcester 6 North of Scotland 3; Gloucestershire 6 Northumberland 3; Dorset 6 Durham and Cleveland 3.
Group six (Eamouth): Nottinghamshire 5
Willishire 4; Suffek 5 Stropshire 4; East of Scotland 5 West of Scotland 4 Group seven (East Molesey): Somerare 9 South of Scotland 0: North Wales 8 Charmane Islands 1; Avon 5 Comwall 4; Cumbre 8 Isle of Mart 1.

### **POLO**

### Bollini unstoppable

Goodwood week opened at Ambersham, Sussex, yesterday, with the medium-goal five-chukka Harrison Cup Challenge, for which there are 15 entries. Eric Kirby's team, West Sphere, beat Innerwick, put together by Roger Whewell, of the Ascot Park

five-goalers in the professional element of their line-up, but they could not stop West Sphere's eight-handicap Argentine No 3, Juan Bollini,

WEST SPHERE: 1, M Austin (0); 2, O Ellis (5); 3, J Bollini (8), back, A Kirby (2), INNERWICK: 1, R Whewell (0); 2, J Wade (5); 3, G Cutino (5); back, J Dixon (5)

Answers from page 42 SCHULTZE

(c) An explosive having nitrolignin as its chief constituent, first made in England in 1863. Hence a Schultze cartridge, one charged with this gunpowder. And eponym of the inventor Eduard Schultze, used attributively. "Schultze powder... Schultze gunpowder is manufactured from light fibrous

(a) Of persons, parts of the body, the hair: lank and thin. Probably an adaptation of the Dutch and Low German word. "They wound religion through his slank sides." SCYPHUS

SNARLER

(c) A species of pediar or hawker. Apparently from the verb to

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#### CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Grittetts 6.00 Mike Read 9,00 Henry Kelly 12,00 Margaret How-ard 2,00pm Lunchtime Concerto 3,00 Jamie Crick 6,00 Classic Newsnight 6.30 Sonala 7.00 Gardening Forum (r) 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Michae Mappin 1.00em Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Mark Forrest 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Horne 7.00 Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Janey Lee Grace 2.00am Randal Lee Rose

6,00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor, Includes Locatelli (Concerto in F for four violins Op 4 No 12); Khachaturian Piano Concerto): Vivaldi Op 12 No 2); Bantock (Two Heroic Ballads); Saint-Saéns

(navalisas), ballor (Striple Music)

9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambacctini, includes Beethoven (Pisno Sonets in A. Op 101); Monteverd (Signor, Deh, non partirel (L'incoronazione di Poppea);

Walton (Sonata for Strings) Musical Encounters.
Presented by Chris de Souze.
Torke (Javelin): Schumann
(Adagio and Allegro, Op 70):
Anthony Milner (The Harrowing of Hell) 10.30
Proms Artist of the Week:
Andres Schiff, plano. Bach
(Concerto in A. BWV 1055) 10.45 Franck (Chorale No.

in E); Schumann (Symphony No 2 in C); Bach (French Suite No 5 in G, BWV 816) 1.00 Manchester Summer Recitals. The Royal Northern College of Music Brass Band, Peter Parkes and

under Peter Parkes and Michael Fowles. Bitss (Kenilworth); Robert Simpson (Introduction on an Allegro and Bass by Max Reger); George Benjamin (Altitude); John McCabe (Salamander) o Midweek Cholce. Includes Rimsky-Korsakov (Quintet in B flat for piano and whol); Poulenc (Motet: Vinea mea electa); William Crotch (Organ Concerto No 2 in A); Beamish (Tuscan Lufleby)

RADIO 3

4.00 Charal Evensong
5.00 The Music Machine
5.15 In Tune, Gottschalk, arr Kay
(Cakewalk, excts): Thalberg
(Fantasy on Rossin's Barber
of Seville): Goldmark (Violin
Concerto in A minor)
7.30 BRC Proms 1996 With 7.30 BBC Proms 1996, With Christine Brewer, soprano, the Trinity College of Music Chamber Choir, BBC Symphony Orchestra Mark Eder, Wagner (Overture: Venusbero Music

Tannhauser); Strauss (Four Last Songs) 8.20 The Flesh Made Word 8.40 Proms Part 2. Dvořák (Overture: In Nature's Realm); Bax (Spring 9.35 My Tocher's the Jewel. Kirsteen McCue explores the

songs of Robert Burns (3/5) Volces. The second of two programmes, from the Queen's Hall in Edinburgh, to mark the bicentenary of Robert Burns who died in July 1796 Featuring Lome baritone, and Malcolm Martineau, piano. Includes pleces by Schumann, Rimsky-Korsakov and Mendelssohn

second of two dramatised portraits of contemporaries of Henry Purcell. Carey Harrison plays the painter Sir Godfrey

Sean Penn's The Crossing Guard, starring Jack Nicholson and Angelica

Huston
4.45 Short Story: I Do Dance, by Elizabeth Batory. Read by

Zulema Dene 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast

5.55 Weather 6.00 Skx O'Clock News 6.30 Brain of Britain 1996 (r) 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Suez 1956; The Crisis, See

Consequences. See Choice
8.35 Molly's 90s A celebration of
the life and humour of the
writer Molly Keane
9.00 Coating the Earth, with Mark
Whittaker
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59
Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with

Choice 8.00 Suez 1956: The

11.30 Composer of the week: Haydn (r) 12.30am Jazz Notes, with Digby 1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

### RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing incl Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today Incl 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 in the Psychiatrist's Chair, Lord

McAlpine (5/8) (r) 9.45 Whippets and Marsupials.

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See Choice (1/4)
10.00 News; A Good Read (FM orly). In the last of the series, Sarah Dunant is joined by Angele Berners Wilson and Ned Ternico
10.00 Daily Service (L.W only)
10.15 On This Day (L.W only)
10.30 Woman's Hour
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time, with Geoffrey Smith (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Lasley Riddoch
12.25pm No Commitments. A new series of the comedy drama series by Smon Brest. With Rocemary Leach, Nicola Pagett and Cella Imrie (1/6)
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick

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Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; The Curiosity
Cabinet, by Catherne
Czerkawska. A play set in the
18th cantury. With John Utck,
Celt Keamey and Grace
Glover (2/3)
2.45 Letters from Abroad.
Veronica Cecil explores the
myth of the Pathan warriors
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(5/5) 3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Gambecchi reviews the waek's film releases including

10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hilton
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Merry Muse. Michael Mackenzie reads Eric Unidater's comic novel (8/10)
17.00 Educated Evans. The comedy by Edgar Wallace. Narrated by Freddie Jones With Roy Hudd, Andrew Sachs, Michael Roberts. Pat Coombes and David Battley (1/4) (1/4) 11.30 Twenty Players (FM only) (3/6) (r) 11.30 Today in Parliament (LW only) 11.45 The Shuttleworths. Written

17.45 The Shuttleworths. Written and performed by Graham Fetows (3/5) (r)
12.00 News incl 12.27am Weather
12.30 The Late Book: The Secret World of the Irish Male, by Joe O'Comor (3/5) 12.48
Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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TODAY'S FIXTURES Kick-off 7:30 unless stated Uefa Cup Preliminary round, second leg

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Bray v Dun-fernine; Caernarion Wilgan (7.0); Dundalk v Celho: Shamrock v Heate: Thackey v Bradford: Wassrord v Southampton; Dag-entiam and Redbotdge v West Ham (7.45); Sunderland v Steaua Bucharest (7.45); Enfield v Arsene! Aldersho! v Fulham (7.45); Southend v Motherwell (7.45).

OTHER SPORT SPEEDWAY: Premier Leegue; Hull v Swindon (7:30); Long Eston v Poole (7:30). TENNIS: LTA Inter-county championships, Men's Northern Electric Open (at Dewid Lloyd Centre, Newcastle).

who scored all his side's goals. Strikes from the mallets of Gitano Cuitino and Jonny Wade helped reduce Innerwick's deficit in the fifth Both these quartets were

club 7-5. playing off the top aggregate team handicap for this tourna-ment, which is 15. Innerwick

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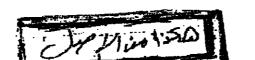
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# Losing faith, hope and charity in Walford

People in theatre and tele-vision are terribly fond of the phrase "suspension of disbelief" (SoD). It's a elever-sounding utility phrase, handy for propping up all soms of ailing arty conversa-tions, particularly when the user is also propping up a bar. Personally, however. I've always had a terrible problem with it. There is something about suspending a disanything that sends me into a terrible logical spin. It's like a double negative, but worse.

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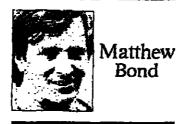
Each time I have to unravel it back to first principles. Only then do I remember that all those linguistic convolutions conceal a simple truth — you are supposed to believe what you are watching. Which brings us to last night's EastEnders (BBC1). Put it like this, if Grant Mitchell suddenly leaned against the bar at the Queen Vic wouldn't be the least bit surprised. Bianca is about to do something Some of the things that concern me are small things - such as the fact that it is the voice of Mark Fowler that currently urges us to watch four times a week. Now, foreive me if I'm wrong, but I thought Mark ran a fruit and veg stall in Wallord. He wouldn't do voice-overs for the BBC, would he? But Todd Carty, the actor who plays him, might. The result? I am no longer convinced that there is a Mark. I have become an East-Enders agnostic. Perhaps Sarah

will pray for me. But I may be past saving. The galloping subplot disease that currently consumes Albert Square is threatening to take credibility well past breaking point. Story-lines compete to be badder and sadder than anything that has gone before. Arthur is dead, Mark and sighed: "Don't know about you bro'. but I'm having a spot of bother with the old SoD" I found his long-lost sister and

she prohably shouldn't. And then there is David Wicks, that one man gene-pool littering the square with former wives, mistresses and assorted offspring. The longing for a really dull subplot to come along is overpowering.

The most damaging threat to the dramatic future, however, is the clumsy attempts at humour. Nige and Sanjay's Seventies night was always going to be "a larff, mate", but nobody ever said what sort of larff, Nigel with his Gary Glitter bouffant and sparkly cheeks I could take - just - but the shouted telephone message that summoned the star DJ away - "it's your mother-in-law... your wife's in Walford General... the water's have broken" — never.

As for Bianca's rendition of Save All Your Kisses for Me, I have a feeling that when that was a hit she REVIEW



wasn't even a twinkle in the Wicks eye. At the end of an exhausting, improbable but still enjoyable evening, only one thing was certain. She certainly wasn't saving all her kisses for Ricky. Last night's Double Exposure:

The Golden Collar (BBC2) also featured a musical flashback. Mark McGann walked into a frighteningly cool Liverpool nightclub and asked the DJ to play some puni and this being late night BBC2 what he got, of course, was Wham! He got whammed in the eye, whanimed on the nose and took several whams to the stornach. He was a mess and so was much of what followed.

But, having said that. Earnonn Sexton, the latest young writer to be given his 44 minutes of fame, had created a central character capable of carrying something far more ambitious in scale than this

or at least I think he had. McGann played Jack Tree, a chaotic, workoholic, drinkoholic solicitor who specialised in personal injury claims paid for by legal aid. The clever bit was that he saw the compensation awards he obtained for his impoverished clients as a sort of Robin Hood-like redistribution of wealth. The golden collar of the title was the surgical collar of the whiplash victim. On the other hand, Tree

and I've made the rest of it up.

iven that his character and motivations were never really established, Mc-Gann turned in a cracking performance in the lead, and was well supported by Claire Holman, as his more-off-than-on girlfriend, and Scot Williams, as Wham, his attacker turned ally. Whether his name being Wham (full name Wham Sham: The Car Valeting Mani was significant or not, was just one of many things I was left uncertain of in a work where confusion was generated by a shortage of plot tleft to your own devices, it's surprising how quickly you can tie yourself up in knots; and an abundance of dialogue delivered in muttered Scouse, Still, as first goes go, not bad.

Only a few days ago, I was railing against the current fad for over-long documentaries. Well, do

you know something? I haven't changed my mind at all. For an hour True Stories: Edge of Madness (Channel 4) had been a topflight documentary — combining a straightforward, matter-of-fact explanation of schizophrenia with the moving and distressing true accounts of the title. Sadly, however, there was half an hour of psycho-babble and therapy-speak still to come.

The last word should have belonged to Barrie's marvellous mum who argued most eloquently for a rethink of Government policy on care for the mentally ill, based on her experience with her now adult son. "You have to live with the illness 24 hours a day, year in and year out - then you can say you understand it. If they want community care to work, this Government needs people like me." I didn't doubt it for a minute.

Lynne Truss is on holiday

#### 6.00am Business Breakfast (69182)

7.00 Olympic Breakfast. A round-up of the overnight action including some of the swimming lines, Britain v USA in the women's hockey, gymnastics, boung, yachting and tennis (s) includes 7.15, 7.45, 8.15 News (90453)

9.00 News (Ceefax) (4837989)

9.05 Olympic Grandstand. Extended highlights from last night's action. Featuring the finals of five swimming events, the climax of the women's team gymnastics utle and Britain v USA in the women's hockey competition (s). Includes 11.00, 12.00 News and weather (49225960)

12.35pm Neighbours. Susan and Brett bid farewell to Africa (Ceefax) (s) (9603415) 1.00 News and weather (Ceefax) (93540)

1.30 Regional News and weather (12221415) 1.40 Olympic Grandstand. Featuring coverage of the final discipline in the three-day event Nick Gillingham will be aiming for a place in the 200m breaststroke final and world short-course champion Sarah Hardcastle starts in the 800m treestyle heats (s) (94430231)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (463618) 6.00 News and Weather (Ceetax) (347) 6.30 Regional News Magazines (927)

7.00 The Essential Olympics. Desmond Lynam reviews the day's events so far. including the closing stages of the three-day-event team competition. Plus, Graeme Obree in action at the cycling velodrome in the early rounds of the men's pursuit competition, gold medal hopefuls Nick Gillingham competes in the 200m breaststroke and Sarah Hardcastle goes in the 800m treestyle heats in the pool, coverage of the fightweight judo finals plus the latest news from the tennis courts (Ceefax) (s) (81705)

9.00 News; Regional News; Weather (Ceetax) (2724) 9.30 Inside Story: Miracle Bab-

Quintuplets (Ceetax) (s)

(982453)10.20 Olympic Grandstand, Desmond Lynam introduces more live coverage including 10.30 Gymnastics: The little day of the competition (s) 12.20am Swimming: Live action from the swimming pool including 12.31 Men's 200m breaststroke which will feature Britain's Nick Gillingham 12.47 Women's 200m individual medley 1.13 Men's 100m outterfly 1.35 Women's 4 x 100m medley relay 1.45 Weightlitting/ Three-Day Eventing 2.20 Yachting/Boxing/Tennis/Badminton/Beach Volleyball/ Indoor Volleyball/Basketball. Plus all the

latest Olympic news (s) (64446366) 4.25 Impressions: The Miller. A portrait of Yorkshireman George Leatt, who is not only the proud owner of an old watermill but is a well-known judge in the canine world (s) (30001309)

4.40 FILM: The Company She Keeps (1951, b/w) with Dennis O'Keele, Lizabeth Scott and Jane Greer, Romantic drama about a woman parolee experiencing problems settling back into life on the outside after serving a two-year jail sentence for forgery. Directed by John Cromwell (61918670) Ends 6.00em

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### 6.10am Open University: Modelling Tur-keys (6790163) 6.35 A Day in the Life (8214502) 7.00 Breakfast News (Ceetax) (50678714)

9.06 Spideman (r) (s) (3345279) 9.25 Cartoon Critters (Ceefax) (s) (6438992) 9.55 Poddington Peas (r) (6324366) 10.00 Playdeys (r) (6301415) 10.25 The Record (5227705) 10.50 Marr In a Sufficase (Ceefax) (9918618)

11.40 The Addams Family (Ceelax) (r) (2549415) 12.05pm The Phil Silvers Show (r) (7040521) 12.30 Working Lunch (86163) 1.00 Melvin and Maureen's Music-e-Grams (I) (76011095) 1.15 A-Z of Food (72840637) 1.25 West It Well

1.40 The Oprah Winfrey Show (Ceetax) (2139057) 2.20 I'm Still a Tourist Chester Zoo (r) (38205811) 2.30 The Time of Your Life (7258328) 2.50 Don't Be an Anorald (1080499) 3.00 News, and weather (Ceefax) (9111434) 3.05 Westminster with Nick Ross (Ceefax) (6008328) 3.55 News and weather Ceefax) (2659328)

4.00 Cartoon (7205366) 4.05 The Family Ness (7204637) 4.10 Run the Risk (5612182) 4.30 Cartoon Critters (724) 5.00 Newsround (Ceelax) (8575231) 5.10 Earthfasts (r) (Ceelax) (s) (7941786)

5.35 FILM: The Black Stallion (1979) with Mickey Rooney, Kelly Reno, Teri Garr, Clarence Muse, Hoyt Axton and Michael Higgins. The adventures of a young boy shipwrecked off the coast of Africa. Directed by Cerroll Ballard (54416368)



Abida Hussain and husband (7.30pm)

7.30 The Dynasty. Roshan Seth narrates a series on the ruling elite of Pakistan (Ceefax) (s) (453) 8.00 School: Who is Sylvia? Life at Francis Combe Comprehensive in Watford

(Ceetax) (s) (3331)

8.30 Wild Harvest with Nick Naim. Nick travels to Lewis, where he accurs the shore for mussels and trawls for lobsters (Ceefax) (s) (6328)

9.00 Olympic Grandstand. Sue Barker introduces judo, gymnastics, tennis, badminton and boxing action (s) (1995724)

10.20 2 Dance: Storm Hands. The final two films of the dance season. In Hands, only arms and hands are visible in a subtle dance. In Man Act, real fathers and sons explore how power and control are passed from generation to generation (s) (116705) 10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (537347)

11.15 CHOILE Double Exposure: Seed.
Three friends are at the crossroads of their lives (Ceefax) (s)

(145540) 12.00 The Midnight Hour (41651) 12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone

Survival Special: A Space in the Heart of Africa ITV. 8.00pm

This extraordinary wildlife film, narrated by lan Holm, has "award-winning" written all over it. Penetrating deep into the heart of the rainforests of Zaire, Alan Root and his team came back with footage capturing some of the most elusive and rarest of Africa's animals. The spaces alluded to in the title are the clearings in the dense vegetation created and maintained by the forest elephants. A delicate balance of animals and weather ensures a habitat in which a multitude of wildlife thrives. Among Root's stunning achievements is the first sighting by a network of the first sighting by a naturalist of the fishing genet, a species whose existence was only established in the 1930s. He also sights Africa's rarest bird, the

The Dynasty BBC2 7.30mm

Abida Hussain is no soap opera invention. She is the matriarch of one of the 500 or so feudal families who have dominated the political system of Pakistan since partition in 1947. These families derive their influence and status from a potent mix of economics and religion. Both Abida and her husband (and cousin) Fakher Imam are politicians and large landowners who dispense justice and charity to their peasants like benevolent despots. They are also Shia Muslims, direct descendants of Mohammed, and regarded as living saints. But, as this three-part series demonstrates, the old order is under threat The peasants are fed up and the younger members of the family unwilling to follow tradition. We are Abida's guests as she shows us round her domain, but like any observant visitors, we see more than perhaps we were meant to.

Inside Story: Miracle Babies BBC1. 9.30pm

With today's fertility treatments, multiple depression years of the 1930s, such an event was viewed as little less than a miracle. The Dionne girl quintuplets were born to a poor farming couple in the depths of Canada. The attending doctor. Allan Dafoe, immediately took over their care. The public flocked in their millions to watch the girls, who were paraded for their amusement. The centre of a multi-million dollar industry, they grew up little better than circus freaks, knowing nothing of love. In their first interview together, the three remaining sisters tell their stories. Hesitant, reserved and awkward, they blame no one and wish for nothing. Just ten million of the \$500 million the Ontario government made out of them. Not much to ask, considering,

Double Exposure: Seed BBC2, 11.15pm

Tonight's dollop of drama from writers new to television is a story stuffed with biblical allegories and metaphors. It pivots around a make-or-break year for three young friends of differing racial backgrounds in Birmingham. Written by Bradley Cole, the tale is both a rites-of-passage story and a look at the choices facing today's youth. Ben is a third-generation West Indian who has to decide between a dead-end job or returning to Jamaica and a better life. His Asian girlfried Hashi must choose between marrying as her family wishes or staying with Ben. His best friend is Les, a white boy with a history of violence who dreams of leaving his estranged baby something wonderful — a field hacked out of the wasteland. Together they sow the soil, but which of these three seeds will flourish and which will full.

HTV 6.00am GMTV (1179569)

9.25 Hailway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left (r) (Teletext) (s) (6441366) 9.50 Hope and Gloria (7900960) 10.20 News headlines (9386502)

10.25 HTV News (Teletext) (9385873)

10.30 FiLM: Laker Girls (1989) Musical drama with Tina Yothers and Enn Gray. Directed Bruce Seth Green (86994231) 12.20pm HTV News (2118163)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (9622540) 12.55 Shortland Street (s) (9607231) 1.25 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (5867637) 2.00 Home and Away (Teletext) (s) (61507076)

2.25 FILM: This Wife for Hire (1985) with Parn Dawber and Robert Klein, Comech about woman hiring herself out to perform domestic duties only. Part two can be seen tornorrow. Directed by James R. Drake (7707705)

3.20 News (9128724) 3.25 HTV News (9127095) 3.30 Alphabet Castle (3392892) 3.40 Wizadora (1064618) 3,50 Magic Adventures of Mumfie (6504873) 4.15 Tiny Toon Adventures (5699231) 4.40 Are You Afreid of the Dark? (2269724)

5.10 Wheel of Fortune. Nicky Campbell presents (Teleletext) (s) (7488095) 5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (912569) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (452163) 6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (953279)

Great Western Women. The Marchioness of Worchester campagns on green Issues (8927) 7.30 Coronation Street. Tricia draws a blank in her search for Terry's contact number and address (Teletext) (279)



Film-maker Alan Root (8.00pm)

8.00 Survival Special: A Space in the Heart of Africa (s) (Teletext) (5927) 9.00 Grass Roots. The second part of a miniseries about a lawyer involved in an

explosive murder trial. Concludes after the news (Teletext) (s) (5163) 10.00 News (Teletext) and weather (53347) 10,30 HTV News (Teletext) (752279) 10.40 Grass Roots. Concluded (Teletext) (s)

(122881) 11.30 FILM: Convicted (1986) with Lindsay Wagner and John Larroquette. Tense drama based on a real case, about a man who was wrongly arrested and convicted of the rape of three women. Directed by

David Lowell Rich (763231) 1,15 God's Gift (581390) 2.15 Cyber Cafe (73800) 2,45 Dear Nick (4159800) 3.50 Bushell on the Box (r) (s) (82496748) 4.15 Sound Bites (38389344) 4.30 The Time...the Place (r) (s) (76922) 5.00 Cover Story (r) (51125) 5.30 News

#### HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.25pm Wales Tonight (953279) 7.00-7.30 Cafe Blag! (3327)

WESTCOUNTRY As HTV West except: 10.30am Film: A Little Romance (86994231) 12.55pm Coronation Street (9607231)

1.25-1.55 Cross Wits (61450892) 1.55 Home and Away (92744960) 2.25 Healthy by Nature (61560163) 2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (7288569) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7488095) 6.00 Westcountry Live (98908)

#### CENTRAL

7.00-7.30 Wheel of Fortune (8927)

HTV West except: 10.30am Film: A Little Romance (86994231) 12.55pm Home and Away (9607231)

1.25 Cross Wits (61450892) 1.55 A Country Practice (78379989) 2.20 People's Verdict (61501892) 2.50-3.20 Women Talking (9306366) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7488095) 6.25 Central News and Weather (953279)

7.00-7.30 Wheel of Fortune (8927) 11.30 Phoenbx (338453) 12.35am Bushell on the Box (6318767)

1.05 God's Gift (4281090) 2.10 Dear Nick (2956651) 3.05 in Focus (6914564) 3.50 Jobfinder (5386800)

### MERIDIAN

As HTV West except: 9.50-10.20 Sandokan (7900960) 10.30 Worzel Gummidge Down Under

11.00 Dogtanian and the Three Musicehounds (3778366) 11.25 Go Getters (3771453)

11.55 Dungeons and Dragons (2559892) 12.55pm Coronation Street (9607231) 1.25 Home and Away (61450892) 1.55 Shortland Street (78379989) 2.20 The Midas Touch (61501892)

2.50-3.20 Serve You Right (9306366) 5.10 Home and Away (7488095) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (415) 6.30 Animal Country (845)

7.00-7.30 Wheel of Fortune (8927) Starts: 6.35 Sharky and George (8249298)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (83163) 9.00 California Dreams (6420873) 9.25 The Secret California Dreams (6420873) 9.25 The Secret World of Alex Mack (6423960) 9.55 Saved by the Bell: The College Years (6033076) 10.20 Pink Panther (5213502) 10.45 Rocko's Modern Life (4562144) 11.05 Crystal Maze (3058188) 12.00 Mork and Mindy (43960) 12.30pm Lonety Planet (71231) 1.00 Slot Meithrin (86250) 1.30 Film: The Divorce of Meithrin (86250) 1.30 Film: The Divorce of Lady X (16193908) 3.10 The Montel Williams Show (8071873) 4.00 Backdate (908) 4.30 Genderquake (892) 5.00 5 Pump: Slici a Slac (7345540) 5.15 5 Pump: Ffeil (8589434) 5.30 Countdown (144) 6.00 Newyddion (818705) 6.15 Heno (861786) 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (730873) 7.25 Moshi Moshi — Siapan (730873) 7.25 Moshi Moshi — Siapan (385778) 8.00 Y Sioe Fawr (2989) 8.30 Newyddion (4724) 9.00 Secret History (3705) 10.00 Brookside (51989) 10.30 American Gottic (22811) 11.30 Cybill (43288) 12.00am Film: Three Colours: Rad (712106) Film: Three Colours: Red (712106)

#### CHANNEL 4

6.35am Sharky and George (r) (8249298) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (93163)

9.00 California Dreams (r) (6420873) 9.25 The Secret World of Alex Mack (r) (s) (6423360) 9.55 Saved by the Bell: The College Years (r) (Telefext) (6033076) 10.20 Pink Panther (r) (s) (5213502) 10.45 Rocko's Modern Life (r) (s) (4562144) 11.05 Crystal Maze (r) (Teletext) (s) (3058189) 12.00 House to House (43960) 12.30pm Lonely Planet (71231) 1.00 Sesame Street (r) (s) (76786) 2.00 Desperately Seeking omething (61505618)

2.25 FILM: Let George Do It (1940, b/w) with George Formby as an entertainer who mistakenty ends up in pre-invasion Norway during the Second World War. Directed by Marcel Varnel (928434)

4.00 Backdate (Teletext) (s) (908) 4.30 Countdown (Teletext) (s) (892) 5.00 Ricki Lake (Teletext) (s) (5561540) 5.45 Terrytoons (253328)



Return of the Salingers (6.00pm)

5.00 Party of Five. Charlie and Kirsten are shocked when his former girlfriand claims her three-year-old child is his (Teletext)

6.50 Terrytoons (957453) 7.00 Channel 4 News (172637) 7.55 The Slot (997322) 8.00 Brookside. Mick, forced out of the Novices compelition with an injury, turns his attention to Leo (Teletext) (s) (2989)

8.30 Absolutely Animals. The last in the magazine series. When Lucy Cooper was issued with a noise abatement notice, she was advised that if she could not silence her dog, she should have its voicebox removed (Teletext) (s) (4724)

9.00 Ellen. Ellen decides to drop everything and explore America (Teletext) (s) (5434) 9.30 Dressing for Breakfast, Louise plucks up courage and asks her jewellery supplier out (r) (Teletext) (s) (91095) 10.00 American Gothic. Dr Matt Crowther gets the chance to relive the night of the fatal

accident (Teletext) (s) (6892) 11.00 The Naked Truth. American sit-com with Tea Leoni as a tabloid newspaper photographer (Teletext) (s) (7279) 11.30 Cheers. Sam acts as peacemaker for

Carla (r) (Teletext) (s) (42328) 12.00 Century of Cinema: The Night of the Film-Makers. The director Edgar Reitz discusses German cinema with actors and directors (Teletext) (7475854)

1.05 FILM: The Nasty Girl (1989, colour and b/w). Michael Verhoeven's award-winn-ing fact-based satire with Lena Stolzel In German with English subtitles (778125) 2.45am Exodus. A diary of the Luton anarchotribe Exodus, and their war against the

Criminal Justice Bill (r) (7145552) 3.20 Zomble Town. A glimpse of life in a city under siege in Serbia (r) (83921361) Ends at 3.50

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7.00am Undun (43569) 9.00 Press Your 7,00em Undum (43569) 9.00 Piess Your Luck (1786502) 9.20 Love Connection (3352724) 9.45 The Oprah Wintrev Show (9009627) 10.40 Seopardyl (6130932) 11.10 Sally Jessy Rephael (1170076) 12.00 Sightings (45386) 12.30pm Mulphy Brown (31637) 1.00 Hotel (29852) 2.00 Geraldo (83809) 3.00 Court TV (4365) 3.30 The Oprah Wintrey Show (5110540) 4.15 Undum (4843250) 5.00 Quantum Leap (5618) 6.00 Beverly Hills 90210 (16338) 7.00 Spotbound 16347) 7.30 M\*A\*S\*H (2873) 8.00 Spote Above and Bewond (68747) 8.00 Space Above and Beyond (68347) 9.00 The Outer Limits (79811) 10.00 Quantum I/AD OUTER LIMMS (1/9611) JULIUD CLERIUM Leap (88296) 11.00 Hightander (23705) 12.00 Late Show with David Letterman (188490) 12.45sem The Debtorate Shrang-er (5104361) 1.00 Sanoutiseting Lust (35293) 2.00 Hit Mia Long Play (2389854)

### SKY NEWS

News on the hour 6.00am Sunnse (7705415) 9.30 Shy Desti-nations (94417) 10.30 ABC Nightline (87328) 1.30pm CBS News This Morning Part (46873) 2.30 CBS News This Morning Pari II (67095) 3.30 Sky Destinations (4095) Part II (6705) 3.30 Sty Destriations (49/5) 5,00 Live at Five (81521) 6.30 Tonight with Adam Boutton (42786) 7.30 Sportishine (63453) 8.30 Newsmaker (2144) 11.30 CBS Evening News (7415) 12.30am ABC World News Tonight (70654) 1.30 Tonight with Adam Boutton Replay (10748) 2.30 Newsmaker (32545) 3.30 Sty Destinations (22004) 4.20 CBS Evented News (59125) (37090) 4.30 CBS Evening News (59125) 5.30 ABC World News Torught (88106) SKY MOVIES

6.00am The Adventures of Robin Hood (1938) (87250) 8.00 The File on Theims Joseph (1949) (81231) 10.00 Trail of Te 36 (1995) (35453) 12.00 Spft limitity (1992) (3322) 2.00pm Legend of the White Horse (1985) (52250) 4.00 Mr Mum (1993) (3250) 6.00 Trail of Teers (1995) (15673) 7.30 E News Week in Review (1993) (39074873) (158/3) 7.30 © News week in revision (7569) 8.00 True Lies (1994) (88074873) 10.20 Chasers (1994) (546231) 12.05em Midnight Confessions (1993) (2206496) 1.30 Sect to School (1995) (297354) 2.05-8.00 The Carpetbaggers (1964)

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12.00 National Velvet (1944) (25724)
2.00pm Heaven Knows, Mr Alison (1957) (45892) 4.00 What's Up, Tiger Lity? (1965) (582) 6.00 Hed River (1948) (31765038) 8.15 Throw Monume from the Train (1967) (33188992) 10.00 The Deep (1977) (55230892) 12.10am Riet (1968) (570318) 1.55 Dr Jelydl and Mr Hyde (1931) (99309) 3.30-5.20 Follow the Fleet (1968) (554106)

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8.00am Good Morning Allanta (50960) 8.30
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Wreeding (76908) 10.00 Live Terms (10279) 12.00 Cymple Team Sprat (13399) 1.00pm Swimming (98796) 2.00 Live Powing (38163) 3.00 Live Cycling (84163) 4.00 Live Equestionism (76250) 5.00 Live Cycling (4255) 5.30 Swimming (28250) 6.30 Live Cycling (820637) 7.15 Live Boxing (988298) 8.00 Civrnoic Extra (6699) 8.30 Live Julio (26521) 9.30 Live Artesic Gymnastics (679095) 12.00 Clympic Special (27019) 12.30aas Weightfüring (47011) 1.00 Live Boxing (677125) 3.30 Boxing (46274) 5.00 Good Morning Allanta (33797) 5.30 Swimming (28748)

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7.00mm Rebel Sports (50873) 7.30 Wreeling (24076) 8.30 Racing News (77076) 8.00 Aerobice (8828) 9.30 Skif Saling (94917) 10.00 Golf USA: Depost Gunantly Classe (19811) 12.00 The Story of the FA Cup 1986/96 (55927) 1.30pm Acian Foolbell (91347) 2.30 Rebel Sports (9908) 3.00 World Egith Ball Pool Championships—Team Final (71637) 5.00 Wrestling (4144) 8.00 Sky Sports Centre (989827) 6.05 Over 35's Socrea Tournament (498927) 7.00 The Warring Post: Sandown and Lolester (70637) 9.00 The Pavilion End (15637) 10.00 Sky Sports Centre (87065) 10.15 Stifl Saling (878415) 10.45 Golf USA: Burnel Santor Classe (296502) 12.45am Inside the PGA Tour (231309) 1.15 American Sports Cavelacede (281564) 2.15 The Pavilion End (272816) 3.15 Stifl Saling (218450) 3.45-4.00 Sky Sports Centre

### SKY SPORTS GOLD 10.00pm Golden Gloves USe with Barry Mcguigan (3416569) 11,00-1.00em Sky's Top 20 Games 1995/96 (8939298)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL 4.00am Thought for the Day 4.05 Worship 4.15 Kdz TV 4.30 Cutting Edge of Destry 5.00 Voice of Victory 5.30 Christian Music TV 5.45 Hdi Song 6.15 This is Your Day 6.45-7.00 Good Marring Europe

SKY SOAP 7.00am Guiding Light (39/1434) 7.55 As the World Turns (4722502) 8.50 Psyton Place (8220786) 9.20 Days of Our Lives (9807076) 10.10-11.80 Anather World

SATELLITE AND CABLE

John Wayne stars in Red River (Sky Movies Gold, 6.00pm)

### SKY TRAVEL

11.00am Bormirang (6842778) 11.30 Dive Programmes (5492237) 12.00 Caldornia's Gold (6801798) 12.30pm Pierre Francy's Cooling in France (6374085) 1.00 Getaway (6914618) 1.30 Australian Panorama (6373366) 2.00 Great Sports Vecations (2309873) 2.30 Moving Postcards (1700415) 3.00 Globertotter (229908) 3.30 Around the World ... in 30 Minutes (5788786) 3.55-4.00 Holiday Shop (65192787)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL 4.00pm The Great Days of the Century (8842565) 5.00 Hollywood (2302560) 6.00-7.00 Biography Women in Power Week Eleanor Roosevelt (6359786) THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

Films, features and classic ect-8 same cvery day from 8am-2am on cable and 1am-4am, plus 7pm-10pm Mondsty-Wednesday, on satelitic 7.00pm Battlester Galactica (3417295) 6.00 FILMs When Worlds Cottide (3497434) 10.00 Close (9732911) 1.00em The Sa Million Doller Men (3315034) 2.00-4.00 FILMs fillural of Evil (3231212)

# 9.00am The Joy of Parning (5589415) 9.30 Grow Your Own (8282231) 10.00 Neet Stuff (5278521) 10.30 This Old House (5528927)

11.00 The Painted House (1306705) 11.30 Room Service (1307434) 12.00 Julie Child (8293947) 12.30pm The Frugal Gournet (8293947) 1.00 Smply Deficious with Farrity and Friends (1175453) 1.30 Home Again with Bob Vite (8392618) 2.00 Our House (5506847) 2.30 Garden Club (3092279) 3.00 Two's Country (6053732) 3.30-4.00 This Old House with Sieve and

### UK GOLD

7.00em Happy Ever After (1178540) 7.30 Neighbours (1164347) 8,00 Sone and Daughers (5501250) 8.30 EastEnders (5500521) 9,00 The Bri (5591873) 8.30 The (\$500621) 9.00 The Biff (\$581873) 9.30 Ine \$2619405 (\$291989) 10.00 Big Deaf (1163231) 11.00 Bulkaye (1308183) 11.30 Tollysteck (1641960) 12.05pm Sons and Daughters (83078279) 12.30 Neighbours (8295705) 1.00 EastEnders (2299811) 1.35 H.De.Hi (4172288) 2.15 Horne James (8236289) 2.50 Odd Man Dut (6980415) 3.30 The Biff (3999182) 4.00 Casually (80870457) 8.06 Tollystock (5805436) 5.35 XYZ (9321298) 6.05 Taw (7566796) 6.25 EastEnders (4738508) 7.00 More-cambe and Wise (3724786) 8.00 FILM: Carry on Matron (3737250) 10.00 The Bir (3930076) 10.35 Regmed Perin (302521) 11.20 Mother Love (4751705) 12.25em FILM: The Hallite Club (30611036) 1.56-3.00 Shopping

# 6.00em Tiny TCC 7.00 Tiny and Crew 8.00 Barney 8.30 Dinobabes 9.00 Art Attack 9.30 Byter Grove 10.00 Heartbroak High 11.00 Medison 11.30 Hang Time 12.00 Degrass 12.30pm Pugwall's Summer 1.00 California Directis 1.30 Cybernet 2.00 Ready or Not 2.30 Medison 3.00 Heartbreak High 4.00 California Directis 4.30-5.00 Byter Grove

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6.00am Bananas in Pyjamas (9470182) 6.15 Mr Man (9475637) 6.30 Baber (26328) 8.15 Mr Men (8475637) 6.30 Baber (28228) 7.00 Littlest Pet Shop (58415) 7.30 Teanage Musart Hero Turties (50250) 8.00 Biker Mice from Mers (76347) 8.30 Mighty Max (765618) 9.00 Rugnás (72182) 19.00 Asahril Real Monsters (40308) 10.30 Doug (88182) 11.00 Rocko's Modern Life (65144) 11.30 The Adventures of Peta and Peta (66973) 12.00 Alex Mack (79434) 12.30 pm Ron and Stropy (65205) 1.00 Sanso Bugdo (57786) 1.30 Ceptal Critters (61796) 2.00 Ferrals (2927) 2.30 Mighty Max (9750) 3.00 Bitor Mice trom Mars (1434) 3.30 Asahril Real Monsters (2005) 4.00 Tales from the cover mice from Mars (1434) 3.39 Azahhi Real Monsters (2085) 4.00 Tales from the Cryptkeeper (1502) 4.30 Rugrats (7785) 5.00 Seder Sider (2786) 6.00 Alex Mack (8279) 6.30-7.00 Are You Afreid of the Derk® (2231)

### DISCOVERY

4.00pm Legends of History (1397057) 5.00 Time Travellers (7608827) 5.30 Jurassica (3096095) 6.00 Beyond 2000 (8201366) 7.00 Wild Travellers Human/Nature (1908683) 7.30 Mysterious Forces Beyond (3073144) 8.00 Aritur C. Clarke's Mysterious Universe (5803291) 8.30 Ghosthuriters (8558188) 9.00 Unexplained (3744540) 10.00 Spies Above (3754927) 11.00-12.00 Murder (1152502) BRAVO

12.00 Robin Hood (5506705) 12.30pm William Tell (8280873) 1.00 thrhysomething (8285329) 2.00 Honey West (1108881) 2.30 It's Gany Shandling's Show (3089705) 3.00 The Saint (1305076) 4.00 FILM: The Fiction Makers (8853714) 6.00 Charte Chart (3080434) 6.30 Danger Man (3071796) 7.00 Department 8 (3742182) 8.00 Sepphre and Steel (1002377) 8.30 Weeldy World News (2568322) 9.00 Randals and Hoplark (Decesced) (3748366) 10.00-12.00 FILM: Sunday Too Far Away (1304347)

### PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Family Ties (3415) 7.30 Ententainment Tonight (8415) 8.00 Wings (2163) 8.30 Leveme and Shirley (1286) 9.00 Sosp (8506) 9.30 Taio (2756) 9.00 De Ententainment Tonight (70163) 10.30 The Crtic (8881) 11.00 Dr. Kalz (80453) 11.00 Nightstand (53231) 12.30em I Love Lucy (83187) 1.00 Leveme and Shirley (32632) 1.30 Teo (88308) 2.00 Entertainment Tonight (18274) 2.30 The Crtic (35309) 3.00-4.00 Nightstand (46187) UK LIVING

8.00em Kitroy (2912368) 7.00 Esther (220095) 7.30 The Young and the Resticas (4968521) 8.20 Gladrogs and Clamour (4845827) 8.30 Gardeners' World (8605786) 8.00 Delta Smith's Cookery Coursa (3696144) 8.35 Kate and Alle (8865326) 10.00 Entertainment Now' (8110637) 10.05 The Jerry Springer Show (848182) 11.00 The Young and the Restiess (4208889) 11.35 Brookside (4023076) 12.30pcm Gabrielle (7298250) 1.20 Cambrood (3023966) 2.00 Cambrood 1.20 Catchword (3042366) 2.00 Cagney and Lacey (2412673) 3.00 Live at Three (2320057) 4.00 Intalustion UK (7919989) (252005) 4.00 minament of (7419205) 4.30 Crosswitz (7972076) 5.05 Lingo (84676705) 6.30 Liudy Landers (7922453) 6.00 Bewitched (7929365) 6.30 Ready, Saedy, Cook (3044892) 7.05 Brookside (3920827) 7.35 Timel Pursuit (9190873) 8.00 Street Legal (8505665) 9.00 FILM: Fatal Memories (50217637) 10.60 Engr-terment New (5827328) 11.00-12.00 The

**FAMILY CHANNEL** 5.00pm Road to Avonlea (8502) 6.00 Ratman (5521) 6.30 Catchohrase (6873) 7.00 A Word in Your Ear (9231) 7.30 The Fair Guy (29057) 8.30 Only When I Laugh (4786) 9.00 The Father Dowling Mystorics (59095) 10.00 Treesure Hunt (52182) 11.00 (2012) 11.00 Sirens (4298) 12.00 The Fall Guy (73309) 1.00est Batman (96854) 1.30 The Father Dowling Mysteries (92380) 2.30 All Togother Now (71125) 2.00 Big Brother Jake (7609) 3.30 CF (62477) 4.00-5.00 Road to Avontee (10274)

7.30am Spri Doctors Past Pretent and Future (47434) 8.09 Morring Max (868076) 11.00 European Top 20 (56193) 12.00 Greatest Hits Olympic Edition (57741 1.00pm Music Non-Stop (16547) 3.00 Select MTV (15163) 4.00 Hanging Out Summertime (81366) 5.30 Dual MTV (7366) 6.00 Hanging Edition (4279) 6.30 Beach Burn Festival (6271) 7.00 Greatest Hits Olympic Edition (6259) 8.00 M-cyclopoldia — P (46869) 9.00 Singled Out (23162) 9.30 MTV Amout (37969) 10.30 Beants and But Head (27095) 11.00 Unplugged with Afice in Chairs (44347) 12.00 Night Videos (2563922) 5.00am-6.00 Awake on the Wildsde (71212) VH-1

7.00am Power Breakfast (6913989) 9.00 Cate VH-1 (1801366) 11.00 Music First Care YF-1 (1801300) 11,000 MLSIC FIRS (6905960) 12,00 Heart and Soul (6355960) 1,00pm The Vinyl Years (6371908) 2,00 Ten of the Best (1866518) 3,00 Into the Muse (6987434) 6,000 Happy Hour (6351144) 7,00 VH-1 for You (3486329) 8,00 Wednesday Review (3495076) 9,00 Ten of the Best (3408540) 10,00 The Vinyl Years (3418927) 31,00 Tempy Vance is the Nobitily 11.00 Torniny Vance is the Nightily (8908328) 1.00am Ten of the Best (8663372) 2.00 Dawn Patrol (4372212) ZEE TV

7.00em Jsagran (9213/365) 7.30 Life Style East (70470611) 8.30 Positive Health Show (82265183) 9.00 Bengali Serial: Nagajer Bou (82257415) 9.30 Ht Tru Ht Hat (46847705) 10.00 Urdu Serial Hissar (92112057) 11.00 Mansas (96325502) 11.30 Darriar (32351183) 12.30pm V3 (46841821) 1.00 Urdu Movie (7932540) 400 Biblio Dermark (85240185 8.00 Zerial) (46841821) 1.00 Urtal Movie (19332-84) 4.00 Public Demand (85349182) 5.00 Zee Zone (41458095) 5.30 Film Deewane (60861453) 9.00 Campus (80868368 6.30 Zeo and You (80859618) 7.00 Fil (41438231) 7.30 Banegi April Beat (60848502) 8.00 Noris (41454279) 8.30 Daslean (4143786) 9.00-12.00 Hindl

### **CARTOON NETWORK/TNT** Continuous carloons from 5am to 7pm,

FILM: Alcarman (52934095)

then TNT films as below.
7.00pm Cat on a Hot Tin Roof (1988) (59118163) 9.00 The VPs (1963) (7108527) 11.00 Westworld (1973) (85416811) 12.48am Catiow (1871) (16172800) 2.30 The Angry Hills (1953) (24811212)

**FOOTBALL 40** 

United enter talks with Barcelona to sign Cruyff

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**WEDNESDAY JULY 24 1996** 

Late equaliser keeps alive hopes of place in Olympic semi-finals

## Britain draw on Giles's expertise

FROM DAVID MILLER IN ATLANTA

THE strange laws of hockey and a video camera helped to produce a sizzling match between Holland, the favourites in Pool B, and Great Britain in the Olympic Games men's hockey competition yesterday. A draw, snatched by Calum Giles, the penalty corner specialist, five minutes from the finish, earned Britain an invaluable point.



University, during which temperatures that reached the 90s, the play equalled the frying-pan conditions. Britain were outplayed for the opening 20 minutes and much of the last 20, yet steady nerves, the superb judgment of Mason in goal. Wyatt at the heart of defence and Soma Singh in midfield, plus the summary execution of Giles, leaves Britain with all to play for in their

bid to reach the semi-finals. It is bizarre that Britain have been able, controversially but legally, to exploit the rolling-substitute law, introduced last year, to utilise Giles as a 30-second striker. His goal was his 38th in 51 matches, the value apparent from the fact that Britain have yet to score in open play.



Thompson, right, of Great Britain, is shadowed by Brinkman, the Holland defender, during their Pool B match yesterday. Photograph: Gary M Prior/Allsport

Roelant Oltmans, the Holland coach, had no complaints. "It's part of the rules. and as long as they're there, it's a good idea," he said. "Personally, I'd throw the rule out straightaway." He thought Britain were negative, working on defensive strategies.

No less extraordinary, however, than this regulation, is a law that persecutes a player for inadvertently getting his head in the way of an 80mph penalty-corner shot, allowing

the opposition a penalty stroke. That was Singh's fate when, II minutes from time. he deflected van den Honert's penalty-corner scoop, which left him lying on the ground. The wily veteran, Delissen, beat Mason from the penalty flick. To rescue a point from that setback was particularly

satisfying for the British.
"We were looking for two points from two games." David Whittle, the team manager, said, "so we're pleased to be on target [after drawing 2-2 against South Koreal. No, I don't think we're a defensive team. We're in the process of building for a big tournament, not hanging ourselves early.

Holland are one of the most

potent teams in the world. We knew the pool would be a dog-

Giles has a rare facility to flick the ball harder than many can hit it. Britain exploit his skill in varying power and direction to keep themselves among the world's leading nations in the absence of a front-rank striker. Giles is advised by Jon Copp, the head coach, sitting beside him on the bench, where to aim each time he dashes onto the field. Copp is receiving informa-

tion from a video camera situated on the other side of the field, and yesterday reviewed his decision on Giles's aim from evidence of the

rushed from the goalline at a previous perialty corner. Giles unerringly placed the ball high in the top right hand of Jansen's net. Four minutes before half-time. Jansen had saved brilliantly from Giles's previous effort.

Even at nine in the morning, the sun was intimidating. From the start, de Nooijer, on the left of Holland's attack. threatened England's defence with his pace and dextrous dribbling. Britain responded with runs by Nicky Thomp-son, while Takher hit a post from the fringe of the circle after 11 minutes.

Holland went ahead from a penalty corner six minutes later, Bovelander, their former defender now switched to mid-field, sweeping home Brinkman's ball from the line. Moments later, Delissen should have scored, but skied the ball over the top.

Eight minutes before halftime, Lee, who had come on as a substitute for Hall, had his stick taken in the circle by Jazet. Holland's central defender. A penalty stroke was awarded, and Jansen received a green card for protesting. Garcia made simple the task of flicking the ball past the

bulky goalkeeper. Holland pressed early in the second half, Mason again saving a penalty corner from Bovelander. In the unrelenting heat, the score remained HOLLAND: R Jansen; L K Gebbink, E Jazet, W van Peit, M Delissen, J Brinkman, S Veen, F J Bowelander, J Delmea, T de Nooijer, T van den Honert.
GREAT BRITAIN: S Meson; J Wyalt, J Halls, S Singh, J Lasiett, K Takher, N Thompson, C Myer, P McGuire, R Garcia, D Hall. Substitutes used: S Hazilit, J Lee, J Shaw, C Gles.

level until Singh's misfortune. Van den Honert's shot struck

his head, rebounded off the

right-hand post on to the left.

came out, and was put in the

net by van den Honert, but the

umpire already had his arm raised for a foul, the Dutch

protesting that the goal should

be allowed. Just when it

seemed that Delissen's penal-ty stroke had ended Britain's

hopes, up sprang Giles from

the substitutes' bench.

### Legalities disrupt England's planning for Lord's

BY ALAN LEE CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

A RARE mix of legal, medical and meteorological consider-ations is confusing England's preparation for the first Test match against Pakistan at Lord's. Much the most alarming prospect is that the game could begin tomorrow with Michael Atherton, the captain, detained in the witness box at the High Court where, ironically, he would be giving evidence on behalf of a former

captain of Pakistan. Atherton, who has been subpoenaed by imran Khan in the libel case brought by lan Botham and Allan Lamb, spent yesterday morning at the court without being called and must now report back today, when he has been assured his evidence will be heard as a matter of priority. At best, this will undermine England's final practice ses-

sion. At worst, it could disrupt the match itself.

This unprecedented situation was plainly irritating Atherton yesterday but he is helpless to resolve it. The England coach, David Lloyd, is another of Imran's witnesses in a case providing a wholly unwelcome distraction.

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Nasser Hussain, however, had other matters on his mind yesterday as he gingerly tested his broken right index finger in the nets at Lord's. It did not go well and if the game was beginning today Hussain would not be playing.

"Driving through the gates today I felt I would definitely?" be all right," he said. "It's OK when the ball hits the middle of the bat but painful when it hits anywhere else." He realises his chances are slim.

"I want to give it another go because I'm not going to give up my place without a fight. I spent two years wondering if I would get another chance in the side and it would be heartbreaking to have to miss a Lord's Test."

The altered weather conditions could have a bearing on the composition of the attack. Yesterday's practice was interrupted several times by thunder showers and if the weather remains humid, the chances of Simon Brown making his Test debut will greatly increase.

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16 Doubting apostle (6)

17 Meteorite pit (6)19 Wonderland girl (5)

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- bumper coaning (6) II If there is no alternative (2,1,5)
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- 24 Specialist (6)
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### Golden girl Smith tries to laugh off drug slurs

two gold medals in the bag, threw back her flaxen locks in laughter, her emerald eyes shining with mirth, her defence ready. The question was: What did she think about whispers around the Georgia Tech pool that

her phenomenal progress might be down to drugs? "I find that really funny," she said. "My ultimate answer is that you've just got to look at the fact that I'm the most tested Irish athlete around. I think for every test that the American swimmers have, I have about five. Fina swimming's governing body] drug testers, well, they know my name by heart and I can aimost tell you what they have in their coffee at this stage."

This day is called the feast of —" (Henry V) (8)
Obvious; low, flat ground (5) 6 Period of time; type of glass (4) 7 Tracy —, Pickwick Club member (6) Speculation surrounding Smith has its roots not only in her improvement from average to outstanding in interna-tional waters at 26, but the 13 1933 Marx Brothers film presence of Erik de Bruin, the suspended Dutch discus thrower, whom she married

last month. De Bruin is to Smith what Henry Higgins was to Eliza Doolittle, transforming the swimmer both physically and mentally after becoming her coach in 1993. The two formed a relationship at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics and De Bruin has "applied the techniques of track and field" to

Smith's aquatic programme. Commenting on her progress, Smith said: "I think it's a combination of things. I have great support from my husband and my coach, who sets my training regime and has turned around my mental attitude

"I've totally changed my regime these past 3½ years. I did the typical long-distance swimming programme for so

Craig Lord on the rapid improvement

of Ireland's double Olympic champion

many years. When my husband took over my coaching. he said the way I trained was the way they trained on the track 15 years ago. I used to just swim long disance all the time - I swam and I swam and swam. My husband's idea was that if you go out faster over the first 100 or 200 metres by improving your sprint times, even if your endurance stays the same, then you're automatically going to be faster. So we

some of the endurance Smith acknowledges her physical change, explaining that she took up weight-

started doing more sprint and strength work while retaining



Smith: great support

"I gained a lot of strength and put it into my swimming stroke and for someone of my height — I'm only 5ft 3in — I've got a really long stroke and can pull a lot of water." As for her age, she notes

realising that they can continue longer and not only swim at the top but swim faster than they did when younger". She cites Janet Evans, 25, though fails to say that the American swam her best times when 17 and 18 years old in the late eighties and has never come

Smith is unperturbed by the speculation. "No, it doesn't make me angry. Nothing can spoil my joy and my happi-ness now I've got two medals. These past three years, I've given up everything. I quit university and came back from the States [US] because I really wasn't achieving what I knew I could. Everything's

been put aside for this."

She is now being billed as a possible winner of four gold medals, with the 200m medley today and the 200m butterfly on Friday. Smith says that those expectations are a "tall order" but not impossible.

Helping to drive her to heights she had only dreamed of before is her Irish patriotism. "I went to an All-Irish speaking school |Colaiste Chilliaif in Dublin| and that gave me a great love of the anguage, the culture and the history and the heritage. It all comes together when you see that flag going up there on the podium," she said.

Her parent's home in Ratheoole is a shrine to Smith. "There are pictures and medals covering every wall all over the house," she

### Judgment serves Henman's

cause TIM HENMAN took the first step towards an Olympic tennis medal yesterday, but only after receiving a helping hand from a line judge. The British No I was a set point down at 5-6 against Shuzo Matsuoka, of Japan, when his second service appeared to land wide of the service box.

The linesman agreed but then immediately corrected himself, giving Henman another first service. Henman took full advantage by holding on to force a tie-break which he took 7-4, completing the set with an excellent forehand down the line. Henman, the world No 37,

who made far too many errors in the opening set, gained in confidence as the Japanese, ranked No 85, effectively threw in the towel.

The 21-year-old from Oxford won the first 11 points of the second set and although Matsuoka did regather his thoughts, it was too late. Henman dropped just four points on his serve in the second set before winning the match 7-6, 6-3, in thr 22min, with a forehand that landed precisely on the sideline.

Marc Rosset, of Switzer-land, the defending champion. swept aside Hicham Arazi, of Morocco, 6-2, 6-3 in the opening match on centre court match. Rosset, the No 8 seed, won five consecutive games in the first set to take command against Arazi, ranked eightieth in the world.

Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, winner of a bronze medal at Barcelona and No 3 seed in the women's draw, took the final three games to beat Dominique Van Roost, of Belgium, 6-1, 7-5.



